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The President's Message

The leaves are changing to their beautiful autumn colors with the reduced daylight. The shorter days, however, didn't slowdown the Damascus Lions Club community service train.

October started with our 78th Charter Night at Dutch's Daughter restaurant on October 3rd. Lions 22-C District Governor (DG) Chris Wooters, and 1st Vice District

Governor Rodrick Harris attended. DG Chris described his personal journey to becoming a Lion. He is calling on Lions to serve communities by "Empowering Those Than Can to Empower Those Who Can't." In addition to his presentation, he inducted 4 new members and presented 2 Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) awards. The 3rd MJF recipient was unavailable and will receive their award at the November 7th meeting. On October 7th we had our Shredfest event in Clarksburg. Then, on October 9th there was the 20th Annual Golf Tournament at Glade Valley Golf Club; followed on the 12th at the Damascus Fair Board Dinner to present awards for certain winners having the most entries in the Damascus Community Fair. Next was White Cane Days at Damascus Safeway, October 18th through the 20th. The Road Cleanup endeavor occurred on October 21st. Our final event in October was the Fall Pancake Breakfast, held on the 28th at the Damascus UMC. Also present at the event was an officer supporting Montgomery County Police National Drug Take Back Day. November 2023 starts with the Tradesman MC Toy Drive at Vanessa's in Taylorsville. There will be a Veteran's Day (observed) ceremony November 10th at the Damascus American Legion Post 171. On November 18th we return to Valley Park Dr for Road Cleanup. After Thanksgiving, we participate in the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Wesley Grove UMC on November 29th.

KL Charlie Stone

OCTOBER EVENTS

77TH CHARTER NIGHT- October 3

Our 77th Charter Night was another Lion success! It was attended by our own Lions and some spouses, spouses of former Lions and District 22C Dignitaries: District Governor Chris Wooters and 1st VDG Rodrick Harris and Tim Schaefer from Rockville. This is the night where we recognize our own outstanding Lions. Congratulations to Lion Patricia McKenzie for winning Lion of the Years AND Melvin Jones. Our 2 other Melvin Jones winners were Joe Howerton and Vahe Aghamalian. Congrats to Eloise Woodfield for winning the Emerson Slacum Award! Also, congrats to Lion Bob Ippolito for winning Lion of the Year. Governor Chris did an awesome job as keynote speaker and inducting our newest members Nanda Alapati, Susan Smarte, Bethel Dzobo and Sena Dzobo. A HUGE thank you goes out to Lion Bob Snapp for making this special event happen! (See page 6 for more pictures)



White Cane- October 18 - 20

Fall 2023 Damascus White Cane Days

Damascus Lions: Congratulations! At Safeway East and West during the three days of October 18-20, 2023 (27 shifts), we received \$2,083.73, for a shift average of \$74.42. These are excellent numbers, especially considering we had three shifts unattended.

Absolutely every shift was important to our total. We had twenty-three dedicated Damascus Lions performing storefront collections. On October 7 at our

Clarksburg Shred Fest, Lion Chris Fletcher used a White Cane sign and bucket to collect \$487. Our grand total was \$2,570.73! Thank you, Storefront Lions; and thank you, Shredfest!

Think the word: "Lion" in front of all names in this article! As always, special thanks go to our White Cane committee members who served as both Managers of the Day and as money counters: Del Mayhew and Tom Jackson. Additional money counters were Bobbie Marr and Lion Partner Bonnie Mayhew.

Special Recognitions:

Four **Over-\$100-in-One-Shift Awards** go to: Julie Sain, Warren Schwab, and Ray Molesworth. Wait a minute, that's only three names. Oh, Lion Ray worked two shifts and he pulled in over \$100 on each of them! And let's recognize Chris Fletcher again for her fantastic work at the Shredfest!

Storefront Lions:

Here is the list of Damascus Lions who gave of their valuable time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses): Alapati, B. Barry, B. Dzobo, S. Dzobo, Fletcher(2!), Gladhill, Gosnell, Howerton, Inglefield, Ippolito(2!), W. Marr, Molesworth(2!), B. Newlin, Paseur(2!), Peters, Sain, W. Schwab, Smarte, Snapp, C. Stone, Ch. Stone, Washington, and Woodfield. Thank you, one and all storefront Lions!

Lion Wayne Marr

ShredFest- October 7

The Damascus Lions in partnership with WesBanco and Cedarbrook Community Church hosted the 3rd Annual Clarksburg Shredfest providing a secure and environmentally responsible way to dispose of documents and used batteries. Nine Lions along with three area students assisted in the event. Despite the heavy rain and high winds we served 61 vehicles and raised \$487 toward the White Cane Drive for sight conservation. The next shred event will be held in May 2024 back in Damascus. We thank



We thank WesBanco for their ongoing support by covering the cost for the shred truck and Cedarbrook Community Church for providing a great location. Lion Joe Howerton

Damascus Lions Club Golf Tournament – October 9

We had a slight chill of fall in the air early on Monday October 9th, 2023. What a beautiful day to play golf. We had 80 players in the field for the Damascus Lions Club 20th Annual Golf Tournament at Glade Valley. Lion Ray got started early checking in the golfers for a 9 am shotgun start. I would like to thank the many Lions who worked very hard to make this event a huge success. All the players who participated, generous sponsors, Lions who worked that day as well as in preparation of the tournament and our partners in service. We even had personalized signs made for our sponsors by Lion Pat McKenzie and family!! Our new Lions dove in head first and were there to support in all capacities with asking "what can we do to help". Thank You to them!!

The success of this event allows the Damascus Lions Club to give back 100% of the proceeds from the golf tournament towards the community. We brought in \$9,929.00!

Thank You to all for making this a big success and for your continued support of the Damascus Lions Club Golf Tournament.

Lion Charlie Hertel (see pictures on page 7)

Road Cleanup – October 21

We had a great turn out of lions for our October cleanup. This was rescheduled from September due to the weather. Nothing exciting was found and we collected about 3 large garbage bags. I want to thank the following Lions, Lion Del Mayhew, Lion Bob Ippolito, Lion Chris Fletcher, Lion Carol Stone, KL Charlie Stone, Lion Ray Molesworth, Lion Wayne Marr and Lion Barbara Barry.

Lion Tony Barry



PANCAKE BREAKFAST- October 28

Lions, we rallied together again to cook and serve our Autumn Pancake Breakfast. We had 172 tickets turned in while we gave 4 complimentary. This is about 50 less than what our average tickets taken. It was a beautiful, warm Autumn Day with lots of activities going on around the area. The Montgomery County Police were on site in the parking area collecting out-of-date and unused drugs - It was National Take Back Drug Day and the MCP asked us to participate on our breakfast site. When asked how they did, the answer was a thumbs up and "Awesome!". Lions, we helped to keep our environment a bit safer one more time! Our breakfast buffet gathered some good reviews. The Bake Table was laden with homemade goodies and crafts which we asked a donation for! Thanks to all the donors. We had two energetic DHS Leos join us and worked the dining room the entire time. Also noted was how privileged our Club is to have such dedicated, hard working new members join us.

We encountered some unexpected issues Saturday morning - The pilot lights on the stoves were out. They were ok on Friday but not Saturday morning. The Convection Oven was not working properly. We had sausage to cook, potatoes to fry, chipped beef gravy to warm up, apples to cook and eggs to scramble! Thanks to Lion Warren along with Xanda, they remedied our plight and we were up and running a half hour late. But we had food ready by 7:05 am!!! To be noted, Presale of tickets is a great way to bring diners in. Either selling or giving them to your friends or neighbors, this



brought in 82 of the diners! And not only that, the Lions who take a 10 pack of tickets pay for them but only about half of the tickets are turned in, thus, pure profit! We had foods leftover from the July breakfast that were

stored or frozen. Thus, our expenses were some \$400 less than usual. As of date, we are realizing a profit of \$3,100.

Lions – you are a GREAT LAIR OF LIONS to work with. You are dependable! You are not afraid of hard work! You persevered! You put in long hours and stay with the project until the end! MANY THANKS to all of you – pat yourselves on your back for another Great Lions Project. Lion Mary Frances Gosnel (see picture on page 5)

Years of Service Recognition

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

Lion	Date Joined	Years of Service
Mary Frances Gosnell	10/1992	31
Carol Stone	11/2000	23
Charlie Stone	11/2000	23
JoAnne Woodson	11/2003	20
Tony Barry	10/2008	15
Kevin Yates	10/2019	4

The Lions Club of Damascus is continuing a long tradition of service to the community by adding nine new Lions during 2023. The recently installed new Lions are listed below. Please welcome these new Lions by introducing yourself and discussing Lionism with them at the next meeting. Your membership committee has done an excellent job recruiting new Lions. Another application is pending board approval. Lions Delphine Bambous, Ken MacKay and Carolyn Marschall were installed as members at Installation Night in June. Lions Sena Dzobo, Bethel Dzobo, Susan Smarte and Nana Alapati were installed as members at Charter Night in October. The board has approved the applications of Lion Azra Eslamian and Lion Seyad Mousavi who are pending installation.

Lion Ray Molesworth

DAMASCUS E.S. SHOE DRIVE

Damascus Elementary School is collecting shoes for FRIENDS2ORGS. They have collection boxes at Tom & Rays, Hair Razors and at DESchool. They will accept gently used shoes as well as new ones. Deadline is November 30. Friends2Orgs. Will fix shoes, send them overseas to help micro business start-up in different countries to help them out of poverty. Check Damascus Elementary Facebook Page.

DAMASCUS LIONS APPAREL

We have some Lions shirts in stock if you are interested:

- 1 men's large Blue Golf Shirt - \$25
- 3 Large yellow T Shirts - \$ 15
- 4 Medium yellow T Shirts - \$15

There has been some interest in a light weight jacket. Our Graphics vendor has suggested a Blue Light Weight Jacket that has a mesh lining, is waterproof and a hidden hood. Our Damascus Lions Emblem will be embroidered on the front Cost \$35 Will take orders up to November 9, contact Lion Mary Frances

TRADESMEN MOTORCYCLE CLUB TOY RUN

The Tradesmen Motorcycle Club is having their Jingle Bell Toy Run on Saturday, November 4 from 2 pm to 6 pm to support the Lions Holiday Giving Project families. Their base for this year will be Vanessa's Restaurant at Taylorsville corner of Routes 26 and 27. Lions are encouraged to attend for an hour or so to offer our support and show our appreciation. Wear your T-shirt or Vest. The Tradesmen generally donate enough toys for each child to have 2 nice toys as well as a gift for the family. They also make a contribution of cash that was collected at the event.

Don't need to drive in on your motorcycle – just drive in however. Vanessa's offers some great sandwiches! Let's support them!!! Flyer was sent out previously for more information.

Ice Cream Dipping – August 2023

The Damascus Lions earned \$2,953.34 for their efforts at the Montgomery County Ice Cream Barn! Lion Charlie Hertel

HOLIDAY BASKET TIMELINE 2023		
<i>Holiday Giving Project will take place at Gladhill Brothers, Route 27</i>		
Saturday ,November 4, 2023		Tradesmen Run for toys Vanessa's Taylorsville
Tuesday, November 21, 2023		Sign-up Sheets for Teams and other duties
Wednesday, November 29, 2023		Clothes shopping at Kohls
Tuesday, December 5, 2023		Sign-up Sheets - one final time
Thursday, December 14, 2023		Team Assignments sent out with instructions to contact families
Wednesday, December 20, 2023	6:30	Sort canned foods at Gladhills
Thursday, December 21 2023	Noon - 5 pm	Teams Pack boxes, Pack clothes and toys
Friday, December 22, 2023	Noon - 5 pm	Teams Pack boxes, Do final packing
Saturday, December 23, 2023	8 am - 10:30 am	Deliver food and gifts to families
		Excess food delivered to HELP Closet
		Clean-up
		Merry Christmas!
More information in the December Lions Tale		

Time to Celebrate

November Birthdays:

Mary Frances Gosnell	11/4
Tess Gladhill	11/6
Dale Ryan	11/10
Mike Thornett	11/12 *
Tammy Hertel	11/17

*Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

Fran Peters (Jack)	11/4
Jonnie Jackson (Tom)	11/21

November Anniversaries:

Charlie & Carol Stone	11/22 (26 yrs)
Wayne & Bobbie Marr	11/30 (4 yrs)



Upcoming Events

November 3 – Blood Drive, DMUC Church, for more info contact Lion Charlie Hertel chtelco@aol.com, 10am – 3:30 pm

November 7 - Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm

November 15– Board Meeting, Gladhill Brothers, 7 pm

November 18– Road Clean up 9 am meet at Damascus High School parking lot, for more information contact Lion Tony @ Daniel8barry@gmail.com

November 21 - Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm/ Spouse's Night

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Picture from
Pancake Breakfast

Pictures from Charter Night



Pictures from the Golf Tournament

