



# DAMASCUS LION'S TALE



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## The President's Message

Hello Lions!

Well the summer flew by as expected. I feel like I should be more rested. The Barry Family went to Ireland to celebrate Tony's aunt's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Then a month later we went to the Outer Banks and had more rain there than in we had in Ireland. But we had fun!

Damascus Days kept the Damascus Lions busy. The first event I attended was painting the grass for the flea market. It was a rainy night and eventually we had to call it quits when it started to thunder. Friday night many Lions helped out with the parade. I was melting in the Lion suit while holding on to the wagon while Lion Tony drove the tractor. Saturday was another busy day with the flea market and the pancake breakfast. I think both events were well attended by Lions and customers.

Our original Keys Game was rained out so hopefully most of us can go to the August 26 Keys Game.

Lions Marcia, Chris and I attended a District 22C Advisory Meeting on Saturday August 16 in Temple Hills. It is a long drive but the meeting was worth it.

One of my favorite days of the year is the Tuesday of the Montgomery County Fair when the Damascus Lions Club's dip ice cream. It was a rainy day (seems to be a pattern this summer) but we were busy. The seniors like to cash in their coupons for a free cone! I always have fun on ice cream day. I can't wait to hear the final reports from ice cream; they say it was one of the better years. A special thanks goes out to all of you for your help.

I also want to thank our Lions for helping out with the Mobil Health Unit (the "eye bus"). Lion Sandy Gill did a great job of getting plenty of coverage for both Monday and Thursday.

September 2 is our first meeting back "home" at Wesley Grove United Methodist Church. I hope every Lion wears their Lion's polo shirt (a solid black or white shirt will suffice if you do not have a polo) so we can gather outside Wesley Grove for a group photo. It will be a busy night as we have some business to conduct and an awesome speaker. Please try to attend this meeting.

We are quickly approaching the Damascus Community Fair on September 5, 6, & 7. There will be plenty of events for Lions to attend from popping popcorn to taking entries and even making our own ice cream! We will be doing a test run of ice cream making on Sunday August 31 at my house. We plan to make 3 different flavors so come on over, have some lunch and sample the ice cream.

Some people truly believe that the Damascus Lions Club is like their second family, I know I do. Please remind your fellow Lions of upcoming meetings and events. Also keep some of us in your prayers. Remember to Appreciate, Believe in and especially Care for our fellow Lions. Have a great rest of the summer!

KL Barbara

## Flea Market

By Lion Tessie Gladhill, chair

On Thursday Evening July 10 - It rained and all of the dedicated Lions that showed up to mark off Flea Market Spaces stayed until the lighting hit to close for comfort. Thanks for the help Lions Tom Jackson, Jack Peters, Ken Cook & King Lion Barbara. Thanks again to Lion Tom for the use if the trusty Tape to measure the spaces. Saturday morning July 12th a little damp in the air but looked to be a good day for the Flea Market. Thanks to the following Lions for their help at the Lion's booth - Gary, Anne, Pasty, Marcia H, M-Francis G. Thanks to Lion M Car, Anne D, Sandy G, Ken P and any other Lions I may have missed for the Donations to the Lion Booth. When all was said and done at the end of the day we had a total of \$889.00 It broke down like this Space Rent at the church yard \$480.00- Space Rental & Donations at the Damascus Motor Car Cruise \$140.00- a total of \$25.00 from flea market sales and \$18.00 from Lions Pins of the Duvalls. Thanks again for all the help from you Lions I know I could not have done it without you.

## Note:

This edition is for the months of August and September. So there are stories from both July and August in it.

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### Upcoming Events

**Sept 2** Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church  
**Sept 5-7** Damascus Community Fair @ DVFD Grounds  
(Lions Tessie & Mary Frances)  
**Sept 9** Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.  
**Sept 16** Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church  
**Oct. 7** Charter Night @ Dutch's Daughter – Frederick  
(Lion Bob Snapp)  
**Oct 14** Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.  
**Oct 18** Pancake Breakfast @ DUMC (Lion Joy Schwab)  
**Oct 21** Dinner Meeting  
**Nov 4** Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM  
Church  
**Nov 5-8** White Cane Around Town (Lion Wayne Marr)  
**Nov 11** Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.  
**Nov 18** Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UM Church

### Birthdays

#### Lions:

Aug. 16 – Sandra Gill  
Aug. 21 - Charlie Holpuch  
Aug. 25 - Patricia McKenzie  
Aug. 27 – Sandeep Somaiya  
  
Sept. 1 – Carol Stone  
Sept 10 – Suresh Malhotra  
Sept. 16 – Cheryl Wyatt

#### Partners-in-Service

Sept. 14 Melissa Washington  
Sept. 15 Kathy Thornett

### Anniversaries

Aug. 4 - Bernie and Karen Duplan  
Aug. 15 - Viola and George Hibbard  
Aug. 28 - Gail and Dave Davidson  
Aug. 31 - Joy and Warren Schwab  
  
Sept. 5 – Barbara and Tony Barry  
Sept. 8 - Del and Bonnie Mayhew  
Sept. 20 - John and Melissa Washington  
Sept. 29 - Wayne and Naomi Marr

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### Roster Book Updates

Alice Denell has resigned from the club.

John Washington's new email: [washlow80@aol.com](mailto:washlow80@aol.com)

Roy Stanley's new email: [restanley@stanleybusiness.com](mailto:restanley@stanleybusiness.com)

Add new members:

Tom & Becky Ferleman  
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[Thomas@ferleman.com](mailto:Thomas@ferleman.com) 301.516.6240  
[beckyferleman@gmail.com](mailto:beckyferleman@gmail.com) 301.675.2596

Sandy Gill's correct street number is 10034

Joy & Warren Schwab's new email:  
[joyschw35@verizon.net](mailto:joyschw35@verizon.net)

**Board of Directors Meeting  
8 July 2014  
Gladhill Bros. Tractor**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by King Lion (KL) Barbara Barry.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as printed in the Lions Tale.

Club Treasurer Report: Lion Tony had not received the June bank statement as of the time of the meeting. The report was approved subject to audit. It was noted that the audit for the club has not yet been completed for the year ending 6/30/13.

Foundation Treasurer Report: The report was approved subject to audit. Bank signature cards will be updated for the new year immediately.

**Treasury Summary:**

	Club	Foundation
Income June	1620	5159
Expenses June	2567	5673
Net June	-947	-514
Income YTD	22344	
Expenses YTD	22057	
Net YTD	287	

**Secretary Report:**

Thank you notes were received from the Heritage Society and Hospice. Dues renewals have been sent out and dues are coming in.

**Upcoming Events:**

Gather at 6 for the parade on Friday. Wayne will bring the buckets for candy, Patricia will purchase candy (\$50), Mary Frances will bring the banners to KL Barbara. Theme this year is cartoons.

There have been no comments submitted on the bylaws and the vote will take place at the first Sept meeting. Electronic voting the following week if a majority is not present.

More help is needed for the pancake breakfast on Saturday. Setup will be at 1pm on Friday. Baked goods are needed for the bake table. Leader Dog is expected to appear.

Training on the new LCOF screening trailer is also on Saturday at the Town Hall in Laytonsville from 9-1.

Sandy Gill, Wayne Marr and Julie Sain are planning to attend.

More help is needed for the flea market on Saturday. Setup is from 6-9 and manning the booth until 4. Lining the booth areas will take place at 7pm on Thursday. There are 14 spaces paid so far and 4 more promising as well as spaces from the car show at Damascus Motors. This is an increase over last year.

The Aug 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Montgomery United Methodist Church.

**Membership:**

Applications received from Tom and Becky Ferleman were approved. Installation to take place at the Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Dahn Yoga, one of the flea market vendors, is offering a free book for children and has offered to partner with the Lions Club to distribute and to give a program at a meeting. Further information is needed before a decision can be made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Holpuch,  
Secretary

**Board of Directors Meeting  
19 Aug 2014  
Gladhill Bros. Tractor**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by King Lion (KL) Barbara Barry.

The following Lions were present at the meeting: C. Fletcher, T. Barry, B. Barry, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, M. Holpuch, M. Gosnell, R. Molesworth, T. Gladhill, T. Jackson.

The minutes of the July meeting were distributed and approved.

**Club Treasurer Report:**

Approved.

**Foundation Treasurer Report:**

A CD will be purchased for the student loan funds. Report Approved.

**Treasury Summary:**

	Club	Foundation
Income July	170	2210
Expenses July	2277	5440
Net July	-2107	-3230

**Secretary Report:**

Thank you note was received from the Damascus 4-H.

Half the members have paid dues so far.

Celebrate Damascus proceeds were up over last year. Flea market revenue was \$871. Booth sales were \$480, Damascus Motors booths at \$140, pin sales \$18 and fleas at \$251. Pancake breakfast \$983, bake table \$159 and Leader Dog donations \$17.

Ice cream dipping at the fair was a success in spite of the rain. New member Tom Ferleman dipped on Saturday with Laytonsville with his son and father, a Lion from Minnesota. Laytonsville was glad to have such good help.

Eye & vision screenings at the fair were slow on Thursday, but well-staffed.

There has been no success in finding an advisor to restore the Baker Leo club. Appropriate steps will be taken to formally dissolve the club. The new principal at Clarksburg HS will be approached to start a Leo club this year.

The Keys game outing has been rescheduled for Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. 25 tickets have been distributed.

Damascus Community Fair: Popcorn will be picked up next week. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth for the duration. Mary Frances will not be available on Saturday morning and will need a popcorn 'boss' designated for that time. Helpers are needed on Thursday night to help check in exhibits. Tess has lost a couple of the long-standing volunteers and will be grateful for all help. The club will be defending last year's first place prize for ice cream churning. KL Barbara will hold a taste testing of 3 flavors on Sunday, Aug. 31 at her home to include lunch. Lion Ken Phillips will again provide the hand-crank ice cream maker. Up to 8 crankers will be needed on the Friday of the fair.

No information has been received regarding the back to school backpack program from Damascus HELP.

The next dinner meeting will include a group photo, by-law vote, new member induction and Candace Whiting will be the speaker. A donation of \$250 to Special Olympics was approved to be presented to her at the meeting.

Fran Burlas is at Shady Grove Rehab following her minor stroke. It is anticipated that she will be returning home soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

## Community Fair

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, Chair

### POPPIN' AT THE DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR THIS WEEK

**Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – Damascus Community Fair.**

The Damascus Lions are listed on the daily schedule in the fair book as -

**9:00 AM – Until Free popcorn (Damascus Lions Club)**

Our name is in print for all you have a Fair Book to see – Now we need to take advantage of the opportunity. So Lions, this is our opportunity to meet the community, to tell them of our good works, answer their questions and to offer them a free bag of popcorn. What better way to promote our club in our own community. Membership Chairman, Chris Fletcher, wants to see us bring in 2 or more new members from our efforts.

Have you ever attended the Damascus Community Fair? The fair is the best bargain in town. Why not come by and check it out on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>... This is the fair's 69<sup>th</sup> year. It is held at the DVFD Activity grounds. So you say, what makes it a must on your calendar? It is a free event. You can bring the family, visit the Home Arts, garden and farm exhibits, check out the animals, enjoy the entertainment, watch the tractor pulls, get acquainted with the vendors and help the Lions meet and greet the fair goers while giving out free popcorn! You can join the team of Lions who are participating in the Ice Cream Making Contest .

Lion Tess Gladhill is the Entry Night Chairperson and she is looking for Lions who would like to help with entries on Thursday evening from 4 pm – 8 pm

During the hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the Lions Booth, located in the Poll Barn on the DVFD Activity grounds, will need to be manned. Can you help? Give a few hours? The popcorn machine needs to be manned at all times. The popcorn needs to be bagged! And it needs a smiling face upon handing it out. Wear your hat, vest or shirt - something to identify ourselves as Lions.

We need help on-

Friday, Sept. 5 from 9 AM – 11 AM and 3 PM - 8:30 PM  
Saturday, Sept. 6 from 9 AM – 8:30 PM, and Sunday, Sept. 7 from 10 AM to 3 PM.

A Sign-up sheet will be available at the Sept. 2 meeting and will be for 3 hour shifts.

Contact Lion Mary Frances for more info or to sign-up to help. [mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com](mailto:mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com)

## Ice Cream Dipping

By Lion Charlie Hertel, Chair

Dear Fellow Lions,

Yes, it is ground hog day all over again:)

Do you remember the movie where Bill Murray goes to bed and then wakes up and the same thing happens every day? Well this is what I feel like. Every Tuesday, Senior Day, it seems to rain at the Montgomery County Fair.

On Tuesday August 12th 2014 it was no exception.

I feel so bad for our senior's. Busses were canceled all over the area to bring them to us. Some did brave the elements that day to come out to the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair and get a scoop of ice cream. Some were not going to miss out on all the freebies. We made it work by setting up tables in the dairy barn. We had young men with mops keeping the floors dry and advising of wet surfaces under foot.

The Damascus Lions that came to help really stepped up and did a great job. I can't thank them enough for making it all work out that day. The Leo's and partners in service did awesome even when we had too many volunteers. Everyone got along so well. We had no age issues with our middle school kids. Everyone was 16 or older, isn't that great!! We had over 65 volunteers who worked over 366 hours.

I would like to thank Rockville Lions Tom and Stephen Bennetts for stepping up all week and running the Ice Cream Parlor for the Lions Clubs, along with Tom's wife for doing the laundry every day. They did a great job.

There are a few other people I would like to thank for making our day a success dipping ice cream go smoothly. Damascus Lions were responsible for Saturday July 26, 2014 to come in and get the dairy barn ready for fair week. Lion Bob S. and Lion Tammy H. along with a partner-in-service Anna Scheiffer worked all morning cleaning and painting, as well as Ivaylo for stocking the freezers on Wednesday night with me.

I would like to personally thank all the Lions that came out and helped. If I didn't mentioned your name we still appreciated all your help. The clubs combined collected nearly 70,000 of which we collected only \$3,400.00 on our day.

It is estimated that our Lions Club will bring in somewhere around \$2,100.00 for our single day at the fair.

What a great job we all did!!!

Thank you mark on your calendars Tuesday August 11, 2015 this is next year's Ice Cream Dipping. See you There!!

Pray for better weather in 2015

Thank You,  
Charlie Hertel  
Ice Cream Coordinator  
(301) 353-0424

### **Celebrate Damascus**

By Lion Marcia Holpuch

“Triple Crown” Recognition

One of the great things about being a Damascus Lion is that our club is big enough to do wonderful things by the ‘divide and conquer’ method. Nobody needs to do everything as long as everyone does something. Last month we were all over the Celebrate Damascus weekend with a parade, pancake breakfast and the flea market. On Saturday, the District was also running vision and hearing screening training on the new equipment.

A big Lion Roar to our King Lion, who amazingly **was** at all four events over the weekend. “Triple Crown” recognition goes to the following Lions who attended 3 of the functions over the weekend: Ken Cook, Marcia Holpuch, Jack Peters and Tom Jackson.

Over the course of the weekend, 32 Lions made a contribution of their time to the success of Celebrate Damascus!

### **DAMASCUS LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE TABLE**

By Lion Joy Schwab, Chair

July 12, 2014

The Damascus Days Pancake Breakfast and Bake Table event was held Saturday, July 12, 2013 in the Dining Room at Damascus United Methodist Church from 7-10 a.m. On Friday, July 11th the set-up helpers made the Dining Room ready; the Kitchen helpers prepared needed food. They were Lions Tom Jackson, Sue Suddath, and Warren Schwab.

Early Saturday morning the food and drinks were prepared. Bake Sale Table items were accepted. Helpers during the day were Lions Barbara & Tony Barry, Martin Carr, Ken Cook, Tom and Becky Ferfeman, George

Hibbard, Marcia Holpuch, Tom Jackson, Del Mayhew, Ray Molesworth, Bob Newlin, Jack Peters, Ken Phillips, Gary Rogers, Joy & Warren Schwab, Bob Snapp, Roy Stanley, Charlie & Carol Stone. Leo Erica Evans, and Cub Scouts Pack 438 Leanna Crunor, leader and Joe, Porte, and Tobin Crunor, Margarido and Tanner Harman. We served 157.

The Bake Table received item and/or donations from Lions and Partners in Service were Mary Frances Gosnell, Jonnie & Tom Jackson, and Joy Schwab. Carol's Creations donated flowers for the tables and to sell. Bake Table profit was \$159.00. Profit for 2014 July Breakfast was \$982.66. Total Profit was \$1,141.66.

Special Guests were Leader Dog, Meadow, with Past District Governor, Lion Rich Barb, and his wife, Lois, and Rasko, in training for Foundation for the Blind, with Lion Sandy Gill and her husband, Dave. The Dogs were the hit of the day.

Special Thanks to all who were there to help.

### **To See/Hear Or Not To See/Hear**

By Sandy Gill, Montgomery County Fair Mobile Health Unit Coordinator

The Damascus Lions successfully tested the vision and hearing of more than 20 individuals at this year's Montgomery County Fair. Our Lions provided support on three different days and were treated to working in the new Mobile Health Unit provided by the Lions Community Outreach Foundation (LCOF). The new equipment for screening vision (preschoolers, children and adults), glaucoma, and hearing was easy to use and quick and efficient for our visitors. Thanks go to King Lion Barbara Berry and Lions Fran Burlas, Barbara Devine, Chris Fletcher, Marcia Holpuch, Ken Phillips, and Julie Sain for coming out to help with the screenings.

### **A Random Thought:**

If a dentist makes his money off people with unhealthy teeth, why should I trust a toothbrush and toothpaste that 4 out of 5 dentists recommend?