



The President's Message

Greetings Damascus Lions!



Spring has Sprung! Most days it feels more like summer! Even though the Damascus Lions move into “summer mode” (sporadic meetings not at our regular location) don’t forget we have plenty of activities to do. We “putt” right into June with our annual Golf Tournament at Glade Valley Golf Club in Walkersville on June 1. This continues to be one of our biggest fund raisers. Please show up and support Lions Bob Snapp, John Warfield and Mike Thornett with this event. Our Picnic will be Tuesday June 2 at Gladhills in Frederick. Come and enjoy some home cooking and see some of Buck’s collections of tractors and engines. Then we have our annual Induction Night on June 16 at the Golden Bull in Gaithersburg. Feel free to bring a guest and please get your dinner reservations into Lion Bob Snapp soon.

July and August are also busy Lion months. We have Damascus Days on July 10 & 11. It is 2 days of events throughout Damascus. Many Lions and other community organizations parade through town on Friday July 10. Publicity is the main goal of Damascus Days and we really need to spread some Lion Pride! Saturday July 11 we have two events at the same time, our Pancake Breakfast and our Flea Market. So there is plenty to do during Damascus Days. In July the Damascus Lions will also have our social event at a Key’s Game – stay tuned for details.

In August our Ice Cream dipping event replaces one meeting. We really need to have many Lions present at this event. Even if you feel you can not scoop ice cream, we can use your help in many other ways. This is another event where it is important to make our presence in the community known. Summer is a great time to focus on recruiting new members to our club.

Please think of our fellow Lions even when we are not at a Lion event. Remember, we are like your second family. I’m sure some of them would appreciate a call or an invite to a meeting or event. As always remember to Appreciate, Believe in and Care for your fellow Lions.

Happy Summer!

KL Barbara

Spring 2015 Damascus White Cane Days

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Damascus Lions: Congratulation! We raised \$2,145.89 last month during our Spring White Cane fundraiser. That’s not a record, but it’s close to one. Twenty-nine dedicated Damascus Lions performed storefront collections over thirty-six two hour shifts. Every one of those Damascus Lions is to be commended for their sacrifice. Please visualize the word “Lion” in front of every name in this article. In order to pay the fines I would have to sell my new DC marijuana agriculture business.

Special Recognitions:

- Two Over-\$100-in-One-Shift Club recognitions go to:

- **KL Barbara Barry**, who collected \$118.53 at Safeway on Thursday afternoon; and
- **Fran Burlas**, who collected \$117.45 also at Safeway on Thursday afternoon

- Many Lions worked multiple shifts (indicated with a “(2!)” or “(3!)” following their names below). Hooray to these Lions. Some of these “extra shifty” Lions brought in over \$100 total when you sum up all their shifts. Were it not for Lions working multiple shifts, we would have worked 9 fewer shifts and we would have collected about \$540 less than we did.

- The Bert Lahr Special Award for Most Courageous Lion goes to **Chris Fletcher** and **George Hibbard**, both of whom worked three shifts during White Cane Week. That’s dedication and that’s courage.

Here is the total list of Damascus Lions who gave of their time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses): B. Barry, K. Cook, Burlas(2!), Davis, Fletcher(3!), Gill(2!), Gladhill, Gosnell, C. Hertel(2!), T. Hertel, Hibbard(3!), M. Holpuch(2!), Jackson, Mallack(2!), Molesworth, Peters, Poland(2!), Poole, Ryan, Sain, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Snapp, C. Stone, Ch. Stone, Thornett, Ward, Washington, Wyatt.

As always, special thanks go to our committee members who served as Managers of the Day and/or Money Counters: Ken Phillips, Del Mayhew, Tom Jackson, George Hibbard, and Vi Hibbard (Lion Spouse!).

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Upcoming Events

- June 2** Dinner Meeting (Picnic) Gladhill Brothers in Frederick
June 9 Board Meeting- Gladhill Bros
Jun 16 Installation Night – Golden Bull (Lion Bob Snapp)

Birthdays

Lions:

June 2 - Ann Davis
June 7 - Lenora Kish
June 16 – Charlie Hertel
June 17 – Jenn Hyde
June 25 – Gary Bellison

Partners-in-Service

June 3 – Jay Mallack
June 19 - Bonnie Mayhew

Anniversaries

June 6 - Sue and Ken Phillips
June 14 - Sue and Jack Poole
June 26 – Cindee and Gary Rogers

The scientist who invented the USB port plug recently died. They slowly lowered his casket into the grave, stopped, raised it, turned it over and then lowered it into the grave.

Success means going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm – Winston S. Churchill.

If you find a dog lying in the gutter, sick and starving, and you take that dog home and nurse it back to health, that dog will not bite you. And that is the difference between a man and a dog – Mark Twain.

Gladhill Bros.
Spell checker fixes what you write but without regard to what you Nintendo.

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
12 May 2015
Gladhill Bros.**

Attendees: B. Barry, T. Barry, M. Carr, T. Gladhill, M. Gosnell, M. Holpuch, D. Mayhew, P. McKenzie, R. Molesworth, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, M. Thornett

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by King Lion (KL) Barbara Barry.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Club Treasurer Report: Approved.

Foundation Treasurer Report: Approved.

Treasury Summary:

	Club	Foundation
Income Feb	3375	209
Expenses Feb	1665	5771
Net Feb	1710	-5562

Treas.

Tony noted that we are losing money at every meeting due to meal guarantee and low attendance. The meal committee will be directed to discuss current issue and present a plan for next year.

Late dues collection will continue. Lion Marcia will enlist the help of Membership Chair Lion Chris to contact past due members.

Cancelled meals for this ½ year will be credited on the next dues billing.

Lion Gary Rogers submitted a resignation letter. It was reluctantly accepted effective on 6/30/15. He resigns in good standing.

The current Melvin Jones balance is \$1,800. Each award is \$1,000. Will make plans to name new recipient(s) at Charter Night this fall.

Thank you notes were received from LCI and the Damascus Heritage Society. A funding request was received from Rockwell Elementary school and will be forwarded to Cheryl for youth night.

We helped with the Relay 4 Life last weekend. Turnout was lower than past years.

Lion Mike reported that the upcoming Arts & Craft fair is all set for this weekend. Dignitaries have been invited to the Friday reception and Lions are encouraged to attend as well. 15 paintings of local Damascus scenes will be displayed by artist David Girard. The event has been

posted on Everything Damascus. Help is still needed for some shifts. Set up from 7-9 am, the event from 9-4pm and clean up from 4-6pm. Food will be available from Loco Pollo on site as well as soft drinks and water. There is no admission fee, but donations will be accepted/encouraged. Lions will staff the door to hand out information and collect donations.

Lion Del said that LCOF is looking for an inventory of equipment from clubs. A list will be sent to Yilia.

The budget meeting for next year's budget draft will be held on Tuesday, May 26th at 7pm at the home of Lion Mike Thornett.

Lion Patricia brought to the attention of the board that 8 scholarship applications were received and 3 scholarships were given. Of the remaining applicants, several represent worthy students that demonstrated a real need for funding. Using our selection criteria, they did not qualify for a scholarship but the committee would still like to do something to assist those students in furthering their education. Several ideas were discussed and the matter was sent back to the committee to develop a proposed solution for a way Lions can help without jeopardizing other financial aid opportunities they may have.

Lion Mike noted that there is a need to do some clean-up in town. With the board's approval, he would like to enlist some students to walk around town and do some general sprucing up. Some minor funding may be needed for equipment – gloves, garbage bags, etc. The board agreed. Funds from the Clean Up Damascus fund can be used for this.

Lion Mike has heard of a successful fundraiser in Pennsylvania where a pond is stocked with bass with some of them tagged. Fishermen pay a fee to participate and a bounty is paid for landing a tagged fish. This may get some traction in our area. Additional research is needed to determine (a) if this can even be done in Montgomery County (or neighboring county) and (b) cost of a load of bass (and how many is a load?).

Celebrate Damascus Parade will be July 10th.

Our tax exempt number has been given to KL Barbara by Lion Mary Frances.

July meetings will be held on the 7th & 21st. The 2nd meeting will likely become a Keys game outing. August meetings on the 4th and 18th will consist of (4th) dinner at Montgomery United Methodist Church and (18th) Ice Cream dipping at the Montgomery County fair.

In addition to our own golf tournament coming up on the 1st of June, the Mt. Airy Lions have a tournament on the 8th at Westwinds. Cost is \$75 per person or \$300 for a foursome.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Holpuch, Secretary