



The President's Message

Hello Lions!

I can't believe it's November already – 2015 is almost over. The weather is also very fall like with most of the leaves on the ground and the much cooler temperatures.



Charter night was a big success. We had about 43 people in attendance including our speaker, District Governor Mike Bigler and many other "Big Wigs" from the district. I was so excited to award the Emerson Slacum Award to Lion Sandy Gill and I was equally excited to learn of the recipients for Lion of the Year, Del Mayhew and Lion of the Years, Tess Gladhill and this year we were able to award 2 Melvin Jones recipients Lions Ken Phillips and Mike Thornett.

I was pleased to see many Lions dress up for Halloween in costumes on our October 20 meeting. We had many costumes including a "I Hate Mornings Lady", Madonna, Friar Tuck, Judge Judy, Jessie the Jelly Fish, Winnie the Pooh and Christopher Robin! It wings a fun night and our guest speaker Susan Hilton gave us an informative talk on the Fire safety.

Thanksgiving for the community will be the same as last year with Faith Connections hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner to families who live in the 20872 zip code area. We will not be delivering Thanksgiving baskets to families again this year. If you'd like to help out with the dinner let me know and I can direct you to the people in charge of it. Hopefully the schools will come through with canned food drives, making our Christmas baskets plentiful. We will shop for clothes for the local children and the motorcycle club will still donate toys. More information will be coming out soon.

We had another successful pancake breakfast on Saturday October 17. Many people showed up to enjoy our famous hot meal. I believe the bake table also did well. It definitely had plenty of baked goods and other goodies to sell.

It's White Cane time of the year again. Please remember to fulfil your shift this week. If you can take on another shift see Lion Wayne. Remember when you are standing out there soliciting money to tell the people that all monies raised from White Cane go back to the

community in the form of eye services. Many times people have personally thanked me for our vision support.

This time of year reminds me of how important family and friends are in our lives. When you see a fellow Lion show them how you Appreciate, Believe in and especially Care for them.

Enjoy this cool weather!

KL Barbara

Fall White Cane Days: Nov 4-7, 2015

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Hello, Lions. Our Fall White Cane fundraiser begins Wednesday, November 4 and runs through Saturday November 7. If you are reading this at the November 3rd meeting, the fundraiser starts TOMORROW! Those of you who have already signed up for one or more shifts: Thank You! At this time, there still are three unassigned shifts; two on Thursday evening at Safeway and on Saturday morning at Safeway. If you are able to take one of these shifts, please let me know as soon as you can. My email is waynemarr@aol.com and my cell is 301-237-3034. Or see me at the meeting on November 3; I'll have the signup sheet with me. Thanks.

And as a final reminder of your shift, within this Lions Tale you will find the latest Signup Sheet. Please use every precaution at your disposal to ensure that you remember your shift and that you arrive on time. Please wear something that shows you are a Lion, such as your hat and/or vest (if you don't have anything or forget it to bring it, borrow an item from your White Cane Manager of the Day who meets you at your assigned shift). Please remember to not impede customer access into the store; and please park in a place a bit away from the store so that you give store customers the best parking spots. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me; or just ask your question of your Manager who meets you.

Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this important fundraiser

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Lions Information: (202) LIONS22

Birthdays

Lions:

Nov. 4	Mary Frances Gosnell
Nov. 6	Tessie Gladhill
Nov. 6	Ivan Waldorf
Nov. 11	Jennifer Warfield
Nov. 12	Mike Thornett
Nov. 17	Tammy Hertel
Nov. 22	Carol Cook

Partners-in-Service

Nov. 4	Frann Peters
Nov. 10	Jessica Holpuch
Nov. 21	Jonnie Jackson

Anniversaries

Nov. 22	Carol and Charles Stone
Nov. 24	Becky and Tom Ferleman

Upcoming Events

Nov 3 - Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC

Nov 4 – 7 - White Cane around town

Nov 10 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros

Nov 17 - 4 Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC

Dec 1 - Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC

Dec 3 - Senior Party @ Senior Center

Dec 13 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros

Dec 15 - Christmas Party @Damascus UMC

Dec 16 - 19 - Holiday Giving Project @ Damascus
UMC

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
13 Oct 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by King Lion (KL) Barbara Barry.

Attendees: B. Barry, T. Barry, T. Hertel, T. Gladhill, M. Gosnell, M. Holpuch, T. Jackson, P. McKenzie, R. Molesworth, J. Sain, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, J. Washington

The minutes of the Sept. meeting were not available.

Club Treasurer Report: Approved.

Foundation Treasurer Report: Approved.

Treasury Summary:

	Club	Foundation
Income	2854	5032
Expenses	1533	314
Net	1320	4718

We received a thank you card from one of the community fair child winners. It was sweet. Dues continue to dribble in. A prorated dues bill will be prepared and sent to new Lion Joe.

The “final” set of benches were installed in front of Rite-Aid last week. The current cost of a bench is \$1150 and Silas would like us to continue the program. At this point, there are no remaining bench funds. Any future bench purchases will be at cost.

The upcoming pancake breakfast still needs volunteers. Partner in service Sue Phillips will “man” the bake table. Lion Mary Frances Gosnell will not be present – it is apple butter weekend.

Lion Julie Sain reported that the cost of the Shred-It truck is \$175 per hour for the hours the truck is available to take in paper. She will check with the Burtonsville Club who recently did a community shred and will also contact Damascus Community Bank as a potential partner for this service project.

Lion Tony reported that the Rte. 124 bypass has already been claimed by an organization for the Adopt-A-Road program. He will see if we can get Valley Park Drive which is in great need of cleaning.

Additional assistance for scholarship applicants who do not receive a scholarship award will be considered by the committee for next year.

Partner-in-service Helen Mahylis will be donating passed Lion Bill’s Lion items to the club. We will recycle what we can, but may also contact the Damascus Heritage Society to see if they would like a display of club items.

Leo Officers from Damascus High School will be installed at the November 3rd meeting.

Peace Poster entries have been received by Lion Tammy. A quick count reveals at least 30 posters. She will review them for theme and artistic quality and they will be displayed at the Nov. 3rd meeting for a vote by the membership to determine which poster moves to the district competition. A vote was taken to award cash prizes to the top 3 winners of \$50, 30 & 20. All participants will receive a participation certificate. Deadline for submission to the club is 10/30, so any additional receipts will be included.

Lion Joy has all the past Lion data sheets in binders, organized by name. We discussed the possibility of having a Heritage Night as one of our future meetings where we could bring and share items of club and member history.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

**Board of Directors Meeting
8 Sept 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by King Lion (KL) Barbara Barry.

Attendees: B. Barry, T. Barry, M. Carr, C. Fletcher, T. Gladhill, M. Gosnell, G. Hibbard, M. Holpuch, T. Jackson, P. McKenzie, R. Molesworth, J. Sain, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, J. Washington

The minutes of the July & August meetings were approved.

Club Treasurer Report: Approved.

Foundation Treasurer Report: Approved.

Treasury Summary:

	Club	Foundation
Income	3472	1451
Expenses	2677	99
Net	795	1352

Lion Jack Poole has submitted his resignation. It was accepted with regrets. New member application for Joseph Howerton was accepted with the goal of installation at Charter Night.

The community fair is this weekend. We have an ice cream team and will need additional help with the popcorn booth. Tess will need any available helpers for exhibit check-in on Thursday from 4 to 8pm.

RSVPs should be sent to Lion Bob Snapp for Charter Night.

The fall pancake breakfast is 10/17 and many helpers will be needed.

The fall White Cane drive will be 11/4-7. Contact Lion Wayne to work a shift.

Lion Wayne's wife, Naomi, is not doing well. Keep them in your thoughts.

Zone Chair Sonia Wiggins has put out a call for assistance for Gaithersburg Elementary School where there is a great need for children with eye care. KL Barbara will get more detail as to the level of assistance requested.

Lion Tony has put in a request for our club to be the 'keeper' of the bypass extension with the Adopt-a-Road program. We have apparently lost our piece of Rte. 27. He will follow up with the county on the status of the request.

The Glenwood Lions Club (Dist. 22-A) is collecting bikes for Bikes for the World and has asked for any bike donations for neighboring clubs. They have a storage space and are looking for more bikes. Lion Chris will follow up with them to see if the standard \$10 donation still applies.

We might like to sponsor a community shred event. Lion Julie Sain will get information on cost and availability. It was also suggested that we partner with one of the local banks to co-sponsor.

A speaker is needed for the December 1st meeting.

Lion Mary Frances reports that the giving level for the Holiday program has declined. Last year expenses were \$2400 over donations. In an effort to make the funds go as far as possible, she offered several suggestions on cutting costs, including: eliminate the family gift (blanket/towels/etc.), eliminate the stockings, ask for donation of fruit from local orchards (instead of purchasing citrus from Laytonsville club), eliminate

perishables and increase the gift card by \$20, eliminate clothing for children age 12-18 and replace with giftcards. Other ideas include requesting that we serve families of up to 6 people (last year we had very large families) and requesting a donation from each member (by mail) of \$20 to augment the community donations. Other ideas are welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

2015 HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT TIMELINE

By Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Lions - I encourage all to mark your calendars for participation in the Holiday Giving Project whether it be giving of your physical energies, your Hat and Mitten project donations or your monetary support. The Damascus Lions have signed up for 30 families for the Christmas Holiday. Thanksgiving Dinner will be provided in nearby churches for the families and the Lions have made a monetary donation towards the dinner. Be on the lookout for more information as we go forward!

- Nov 7 Tradesmen Motorcycle Club Jingle Bell Toy Run
- Dec 1 Sign-up Sheet to volunteer for Delivery Teams and other duties
- Dec 2 Shop for children's clothes
- Dec 15 Bring Mittens, stockings and hats for children to Holiday Party
- Dec 15 Pickup foods from the schools. Lion Bob Newlin will coordinate
- Dec 16 7:30 pm: Sort canned goods at Damascus UMC
- Dec 17 1 pm – 5 pm: Teams pack food boxes for families and wrap Children's clothing at Damascus UMC
- Dec 18 1 pm – 5 pm: Teams pack food boxes for families and Lions pack up all other items for delivery at Damascus UMC
- Dec 19 8 am Delivery Teams pack food boxes into their sleighs at Damascus UMC and deliver to families
- Dec 19 9:30 am Clean up and move surplus food to Help Food Closet

TRADESMEN M.C.
Presents
JINGLE BELL BLUES
TOY RUN AND CONCERT
* Saturday, November 7th, 11:30 am The Upper Deck
227 South Main St., Mount Airy, NC. Kick Starts up @ 1 pm.
Stops Include: Blue Sky, and ending at Dominic's, Monrovia (3:00 p.m.).
Proceeds Benefit Damascus Lions Club
Can't make the run? Come to Dominic's!
Concert @ 3pm
Music by:
\$10 with unwrapped New Gift: \$20 without Gift
If you can't make the run, join us at:
Visit our web site www.Tradesmen.MC.com or like us on Facebook [TradesmenMotorcycleClub](https://www.facebook.com/TradesmenMotorcycleClub)

Fall 2015 Damascus Lions Club White Cane Days!

Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
Wednesday Nov 4 Manager: Ken Phillips	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	Fran Burlas
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Sandy Gill
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Tom Jackson
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Ray Molesworth
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Jack Peters
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Kenny Cook
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Mike Thornett
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Charlie Hertel
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
Thursday Nov 5 Manager: Tom Jackson	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	Fran Burlas
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Julie Sain
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Mary Frances Gosnell
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Sandy Gill
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Barbara Barry
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Kenny Cook
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Tess Gladhill
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	
Friday Nov 6 Manager: Del Mayhew	7:30am - 9:30 am	Clarksburg Liberty	Chris Fletcher
	11:30am - 1:30pm	Tom & Ray's	George Hibbard
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Warren & Joy Schwab
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Bob Snapp
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Woodrow Ward
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Kenny Cook
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Bob Newlin
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Joe Howarton
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	John Washington
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Jerry Mallack
Saturday Nov 7 Manager: Wayne Marr	7:00am - 9:00am	Red Rooster	Marcia Holpuch
	8:15am - 10:15am	Tom & Ray's	George Hibbard
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway East	Carol Stone
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway West	Charlie Stone
	8:45am - 10:45am	CVS	Sue Suddath
	9:00am - 11:00am	Red Rooster	Marcia Holpuch
	10:15am - 12:15pm	Tom & Ray's	Fran Burlas
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway East	Ann Davis
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway West	
	10:45am - 12:45pm	CVS	Woodrow Ward

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!