



The President's Message

Happy May! Well, we had a bout of summer weather, and as I am writing this it is typical April showers. Hopefully my garden will appreciate this weather.



The first meeting of the month is our annual Youth Night at Damascus United Methodist Church on May 3. It is usually a fun night with entertainment and good food so bring your spouse and come see what our youth are doing around the community. We are expecting a large turnout!

This week we also have our White Cane Days. Please help Wayne out by signing up at least one 2 hour shift. The weather should be perfect for standing outside and spreading the word of Lionism plus performing one of our biggest fund raisers.

Saturday, as White Cane comes to an end we have our first annual Shred Fest. See Lions Joe or Julie if you can help out. It will be Saturday May 7 at the Damascus United Methodist Church parking lot. Come shred your old taxes and buy a plant on the way out from the church plant sale. I hoping for a big Lion turnout!

We still need a venue for our June 7 picnic. It just might be at KL Barbara & Tony's house! Does anyone have a table or two to lend us? And it will have to be BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair). We could display all of Lion Tony's tractors! You'll think you're back at Gladhills, except we don't have a green one ☺

Some of our members will be attending the District 22 C convention in Hagerstown on May 17- 19. Hopefully they will have a good time and come back full of Lion news to share with us.

Can you believe we only have one more meeting at "Home" on May 17?

Our Golf Tournament is June 6. See Lion Bob Snapp or Charlie Hertel to help out.

As we are heading in to "summer" mode don't forget about Lions. There are plenty of Lion activities to keep us busy. And remember to keep your fellow Lions in your thoughts and prayers. If you haven't seen a member at a meeting in a while, give them a call. One of the best parts about being a Lion is fellowship. So please Appreciate, Believe in and Care for your Lion family.

Take Care !
KL Barbara

Preschool Vision Screening

By Lion Ken Phillips, Chair

On April 11, 2016, Lions Julie Sain, Fran Burlas, Woody Ward and Ken Phillips conducted a preschool vision screening at the Milestone Preschool at the Neelsville Presbyterian Church. On the 12th Lions Ken and Woody returned to the school to pickup a few students that were not available on the 11th. Over the two days, 36 children were seen with the successful screening of 33. Of the 33, 30 passed the vision tests and 3 were referred for possible problems. Thanks to Lions Fran, Julie and Woody for their support and more screenings are being planned.

Highway Clean-up

By Lion Tony Barry, Chair.

On Saturday morning, April 30, 2016, eight (8) members of the Damascus Lions club participated in a trash cleanup of Valley Park Drive. The Lions Club "Adopted" the one mile stretch of Valley Park Drive between Ridge Road (Rt 27) and Woodfield Road (RT 124) as part of the Montgomery County Adopt A Road (AAR) program. Montgomery County has posted signs on our adopted roadway which clearly identify the DAMASCUS LIONS CLUB as being responsible for the roadway. The signs are excellent publicity for the Lions club and one of them is clearly visible from busy Rt 27. Part of our responsibility is to perform a road cleanup six (6) time per year, and to report to the county after each cleanup, identifying how many volunteers we had and how much trash we picked up. The AAR chair, Lion Tony, has sent the report to the county informing them that we picked up three (3) large garbage bags of trash. The following lions participated in the event on Saturday morning: Tony Barry, Del Mayhew, Chris Fletcher, John Washington, Charlie Hertel, Ken Phillips, Lion Warren Schwab, and Ray Molesworth.

The weather was misty and a little chilly, certainly not warm enough for us to fire up the Bar-B-Q grill that we found on the roadway! Fun was had by all who participated and Chris took pictures to prove it.

Our next scheduled road cleanup will happen in early summer.

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Birthdays

Lions

May 9 – Warren Schwab
May 13 – Jerry Mallack
May 16 – Joseph Hutchinson
May 19 – Wayne Marr
May 24 – John Washington
May 26 – Sue Suddath
May 26 – Joann Woodson
May 27 – Nick Holpuch
May 27 – Ronnie Poland
May 30 - Vicki Dotterer
May 30 – Rahul Suthar

Partners-in-Service

May 23 - Marcia Allen
May 25 - Mary Belcher

Anniversaries

May 2 - Charlie and Tammy Hertel
May 12 - Marcia and Tony Allen
May 16 - Lenora and Tom Kish

News about The Club

Lion Ray Molesworth has a new email address:
jrmolesworth03@gmail.com

Spring White Cane Days: May 4-7, 2016

By Lion Wayne Marr, Chair

Hello, Lions. Our Spring White Cane fundraiser begins Wednesday, May 4 and runs through Saturday May 7. If you are reading this at the May 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 ten unassigned shifts; one on Wednesday, three on Friday, and six on Saturday. Ten empty shifts means we will collect about \$500 less than we otherwise would collect. 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 May 3rd; 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. Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this important fundraiser.

Upcoming Events

Apr. 12 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
Apr. 16 - 22C Night @ Comfort Inn, Bowie, MD
Apr. 19 - Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC
May 3 – Dinner Meeting: Youth Night @ DUMC
May 4-7 –White Canes around town
May 10 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
May 16-19 – Multiple District Convention in Hagerstown
May 17 – Dinner Meeting @ Wesley Grove UMC
May 19 – Blood Drive @ Damascus UMC
June 6 - Golf Tournament @ Glade Valley GC
June 7 - Dinner Meeting - Family Picnic TBD
June 14 - Board Meeting @ Gladhill Bros.
June 21 - Dinner Meeting - Installation Night TBD

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
12 April 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by King Lion (KL) Barbara Barry. Attendees: B. Barry, T. Barry, M. Carr, T. Gladhill, M. Gosnell, T. Hertel, M. Holpuch, J. Howerton, P. McKenzie, R. Molesworth, J. Sain, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, M. Thornett, J. Washington

The minutes of the March meeting were approved with a correction that the approval of the minutes should have said February, not January.

Club Treasurer Report: Approved. Foundation Treasurer Report: Approved.

Treasury Summary:

	<u>Club</u>	<u>Foundation</u>
Income	534	3321
Expenses	1245	4064
Net	-711	-743

Net proceeds from the pancake breakfast were \$2,280.

The meal policy was accepted and will be published in the Lions Tale and a copy will be provided to Lion Sue Suddath who works meeting check-in.

Lion Mike provided an update on Youth Night and is encouraging Lions to participate and mingle with the guests during the evening. Cost for additional guests is \$18. In conjunction with meeting the needs for Youth Night, a request to for a budget increase to \$7,000 was unanimously approved. RSVPs are due by 4/27.

Preschool vision screening was held at Neelsville Church on 4/11 & 4/12 with Lions Ken Phillips, Woody Woodson, Julie Sain and Fran Burlas providing support. Preschool vision activity needs to be reported directly to LCOF for club credit.

The volunteer opportunity to help Mt. Airy Lions with their carnival has been cancelled and another organization is doing the flea market.

Lion Tony B will drive the MHU trailer for Relay for Life.

Lion Julie presented a quote for a 6' x 2' banner for the club for \$120. Artwork for a replaceable add-on banner to indicate the shred event was also shared. Board authorization for total expenditure not to exceed \$200 was approved for the pair of banners. Volunteer sign-up for helpers at the shred event will be handled by Lion Joe at the next dinner meeting. Everything Damascus will run a copy of the flyer in the next publication and on their Facebook page. Flyer will be added to the club website and Facebook page. Donations received at the shred event will be added to the concurrent White Cane drive.

Volunteers will be needed to assist with traffic flow and unloading boxes from automobiles. Lion Joe will contact our Boy Scout troop for additional help. Damascus Community Bank is underwriting the entire cost for the shred service of \$675.

Lion Tammy reported that the golf tournament flyers are finished. Hole sponsors are now called tee box sponsors and the sponsor fee has been increased to \$75. The date of the tournament is Monday, June 6th.

Attendees at the MD22 convention that have registered to attend this year include Lions Ray Molesworth, Joy & Warren Schwab, Martin Carr and Mary Frances Gosnell.

The Memorial Day parade committee needs donations to support the building of the float for the parade this year.

Lion Mary Frances noted that there is a special project at Leader Dog to renovate the kennels. The board approved splitting our \$800 donation to be ½ credited to operational needs and the other ½ to the kennel project.

Donations to LCIF this year include \$1,425 in memorial donations and \$500 as our general donation and an additional \$375 to complete the Melvin Jones awards presented last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

New Meal Policy

The club budget cannot support the cost of unlimited meeting guests. The following policy will be implemented to preserve the club budget and better manage meal expenses.

- Prospective/new members can attend one meeting plus their installation meeting at club expense.
- Up to 2 people for the meeting program will be paid by the club.
- When outside guest are invited as honorees or for recognition, the Foundation will cover the cost of their meals to the extent of approved budget amounts or as approved in advance by the Board of Directors.
- Visitors from other clubs will be responsible for their own meal cost at our walk-in rate.

In all cases, the number of guests (including those presenting a program) should be reported at least 3 days prior to the meeting to the Meals Chairman or the Secretary to allow for adequate food and seating to be prepared for the meeting. Exceptions to the above must be approved at least 1 week in advance by the King Lion.

Spring 2016 Damascus Lions Club White Cane Days!

Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
Wednesday May 4 Manager: Ken Phillips	11:30am - 1:30pm	Hornet's Nest	Mike Thornett Julie Sain
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Julie Sain
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Mary Frances Gosnell
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Jack Peters
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Tess Gladhill
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Tammy Hertel
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
Thursday May 5 Manager: Tom Jackson	11:30am - 1:30pm	Hornet's Nest	Joe Howerton
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Bob Snapp
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Bob Newlin
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Martin Carr
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Warren & Joy Schwab
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Barbara Barry
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Chris Fletcher
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Charlie Stone
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Carol Stone
Friday May 6 Manager: Del Mayhew	7:30am - 9:30 am	Clarksburg Liberty	Chris Fletcher
	11:30am - 1:30pm	Hornet's Nest	Fran Burlas
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Tom Jackson
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Ray Molesworth
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	George Hibbard
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	John Washington
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Bobbie Warfield	
Saturday May 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	
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway West	
	8:45am - 10:45am	CVS	Sue Suddath
	9:00am - 11:00am	Red Rooster	Charlie Holpuch
	9:15am - 11:15am	UMC Parking (shred)	
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway East	
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway West	
	10:45am - 12:45pm	CVS	

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!