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## The President's Message

October 20th Lion Mary Frances, Lion Marcia and I attended the Lions Region 1, Zone 1 meeting. Each Club was to give a report of their activities from July 1st on. Our report was

given with this list:

Damascus Days - Pancake Breakfast, Flea Market, Keys Baseball Game, Montgomery County Ag. Fair - Ice Cream dipping, etc., Montgomery County Ag. Fair - Health Unit screening, Damascus Community Fair - Ice Cream Contest, Damascus Community Fair - Gave out Popcorn - 1700 bags, DLC Induction of Pastor John Ampia-Addison by PDG Dee Hawkins, Charter Night - Celebrated 70th year. Inducted Jenny Redifer, Neville Levi, and Transfer of Dustin Fain, Fall Pancake Breakfast, Clean up Adopted Road frequently, Blood Drive, Damascus Community Fair Awards presented, Art Festival.

Wow! We are serving!

King Lion Joy

## OCTOBER EVENTS

### Charter Night - October 4

This year's Charter Night was another Damascus Lion success. There were 60 Lions and guests in attendance. We had many of the District "Big Wigs" including our Governor Steve Borsh and his wife Frances. Our other guests included 1<sup>st</sup> Vice DG Carl Vettel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice DG Andrea Cumberland, Cabinet Secretary Mary Dehart, Cabinet Treasurer Dustin Fain, Admin Assistant Sonia Wiggins and her husband, Dave, and Past DG Sandi Halterman. We also had our own PDG Jim Belcher and wife Mary. This year's award recipients were Lion of the Year – Patsy McKenzie, Lion of the Years- Tony and Barbara Barry, Emerson Slacum- Chris Fletcher, and 2 Melvin Jones recipients John Washington and Del Mayhew. Lion Bob Snapp

## Pancake Breakfast – October 15

The Lions Pancake Breakfast started early Saturday morning, October 15th, with the kitchen crew hard at work cooking sausage, frying potatoes, making scrambled eggs, mixing up and baking the pancakes plus the coffee, orange juice and hot apples. And an eager group of ticket holders waited for their time to devour the scrumptious feast. The attendants in the dining room hurried to get the last minute things on each table and set up their working stations. Clarksburg High School and Rocky Hill Middle School Leos were on hand doing an excellent job of serving coffee and clearing and resetting the tables. Boys Scout Troop 445 were also on the job!

The Bake Table was festive with lots of homemade goodies, Autumn crafty items and Halloween treats! Thanks to all who shared their baking and their creativity!

Thanks to Chairman King Lion Joy Schwab, Lion Warren Schwab and Lion Sue Suddath for taking the lead to make it happen. The breakfast came up with a profit from ticket sales of \$1,399.56, Bake Table \$318.95 for a total profit of \$1,718.51. Thanks to the numerous Lions, partners-in-service, family members and friends who worked not only on Saturday but several days ahead to make the Autumn Pancake Breakfast a successful project. And thanks to those Lions who avidly went out and presold tickets.

Lions Mary Frances Gosnell and KL Joy Schwab

## Art Festival – October 22

Thank you for your support of the "Damascus Art Festival".

The event had a twofold purpose, first to foster the arts and crafts in Damascus and second to raise funds for Lions Scholarships and for the other Damascus non-profits that work with Damascus youth who experience a financial hardship. I feel with confidence that we achieved each purpose.

Two hundred and forty-five adults signed into the Festival and each name entered could represent either one attendee or the adult in a small family of four because we did not keep an actual head count. We raised \$3800 for the non-profits and we received more than adequate volunteer support from the Lions and the students and staff of Thor Teams Inc. Wayne Marr, George Hibbard, Ray Molesworth, Tess Gladhill, Tammy Hertel, Marcia Holpuch, Bobbie Warfield, Ronnie Poland, Chris Fletcher, Bob Snapp and Julie Sain provided their experienced help with the event. In fact, the Lions White Cane bucket was called into action to collect the donations which, by the way, doubled last year's totals. Lions Snapp, Poland, Fletcher and Sain utilized their acumen that only Lions possess to extract the best possible donation from the visitors' wallets. Who can say no to a Lion with a bucket? It was a wonderful day which would not have happened without the Lions help.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Mike Thornett

## Highway Cleanup – October 29

On Saturday morning, October 29, seven members of the Damascus Lions club and two volunteers in service 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. Have you driven by and seen the signs Montgomery County has posted on our adopted roadway which clearly identify the DAMASCUS LIONS CLUB as being responsible for the roadway? Three large garbage bags of trash were collected. The following Lions participated in the event on Saturday morning; Ray Molesworth, Joe Howerton, Tom Jackson, Warren Schwab, Tony Barry, Charlie Hertel and Wayne Marr. A special thanks to David White and son Viper.

Lion Tony Barry

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Blood Drive – November 10

The November blood drive is on **Thursday, the 10th from 1:00 - 6:30pm**. It will be held at the DUMC hall. As always, we couldn't run this life-saving drive without the help of all of our dedicated volunteers. I would like to thank our Partner in Service Cathy Heinbaugh. If you would like to give blood please go to the American Red Cross web site.

Lion Charlie Hertel

## Fall White Cane Days: November 2 - 5

Hello, Lions. Our Fall White Cane fundraiser begins Wednesday, Nov 2 and runs through Saturday Nov 5. If you are reading this at the Nov 1st 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 two unassigned shifts; one on Thursday evening, and one on Saturday morning. 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 Nov 1st; I'll have the sign up 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.

Lion Wayne Marr

### Fall 2016 Damascus Lions Club White Cane Days!

Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Nov 2</b> Manager: Ken Phillips	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Joe Howerton
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Tom Jackson
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Ray Molesworth
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Del Mayhew
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Tessie Gladhill
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Jack Peters
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Nov 3</b> Manager: Tom Jackson	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Warren & Joy Schwab
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Jenny Redifer-Allen
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Sandy Gill
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Barbara Barry
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Mary Frances Gosnell
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Jerry Mallack
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Martin Carr
<b>Friday</b> <b>Nov 4</b> Manager: Del Mayhew	7:30am - 9:30 am	Clarksburg Liberty	Ronnie Poland & Chris
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Mike Thornett
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Jenny Redifer-Allen
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	George Hibbard
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Bob Newlin
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Bob Snapp
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	John Washington
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Ronnie Poland
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Chris Fletcher
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Nov 5</b> Manager: Wayne Marr	7:00am - 9:00am	Red Rooster	Marcia Holpuch
	8:15am - 10:15am	<b>Tom &amp; Ray's (at</b>	George Hibbard
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway East	Dustin Fain
	8:30am - 10:30am	Safeway West	Sandy Gill
	8:45am - 10:45am	CVS	Sue Suddath
	9:00am - 11:00am	Red Rooster	Charlie Holpuch
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway East	Julie Sain
	10:30am - 12:30pm	Safeway West	Bobbie Warfield
	10:45am - 12:45pm	CVS	

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

## HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT TIME

'Tis that time of the year to begin our planning for the Holiday Basket Project.

The Holiday Basket Project has been ongoing since the beginning of our club – Christmas 1946! Time has changed a lot of what and how we do it but the concept is the same – helping families to have a better Holiday celebration!

The Board of Directors elected to take 30 families this year of which may consist of up to 6 children. We provide nonperishable foods (2 boxes full. The food is a result of school food drives led by Lion Bob Newlin), toy for each child that is donated by the Tradesmen Motorcyc Talele Club Toy Run, an outfit for each of child (Lion Chris Fletcher will profile each family, a team of Lions and Partners-In-Service will shop and wrap the clothing), fresh fruit donated by Butler's Orchard, Tooth brushes for each family member donated by Damascus Dental and Festive decorated box of homemade cookies (donated by the Goldstein Family). That is a brief description of what the Santa Delivery Teams will deliver to the families.

We also have a team of Lions who canvass the Damascus area businesses for donation for the Holiday Fund. I am sure you will see "Albert's Jar" being passed around for Lion donations as well!

The 2016 calendar lends to a bit of change this year with Christmas Eve being on a Saturday. We will deliver a weekend early, so that tends to push every else up a bit. See the TimeLine in this issue for more information.

Please bring mittens, hats, gloves and socks to be given to each family, children and adults, to the Lion Dinner Meeting, December 6.

Sign-Up Sheets to form teams for delivery, wrapping, sorting and food pickup will be at the November 15 meeting. We will need 10 teams who will deliver to 3 families.

### **A CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS – PLEASE NOTE –**

We will do the project in the basement of the Damascus Volunteer Fire Dept. Activities Building on Lewis Drive. The church is not available this year.

More information will be in the December newsletter.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

## HOLIDAY BASKET TIMELINE 2016

### ***PLEASE NOTE Holiday Basket preparation and delivery will take place in the basement of the DVFD Activities Building***

11/12/2016	Tradesmen Motorcycle Toy Run
11/15/2016	Guarantee date to receive family names of 30 families
11/15/2016	Sign-Up for Delivery and other duties at Dinner Meeting
11/24/2016	Thanksgiving Day - No deliveries, club made monetary donation
11/30/2016	Shop for Clothes
12/6/2016	Bring hats, mittens, gloves to Lions Dinner Meeting
12/14/2016	Pick-up Non-perishable foods from Schools and NRC - Bob Newlin Leader
12/14/2016	6:30 PM Sort non-perishable foods
12/15/2016	Pack boxes, wrapped clothing gifts
12/16/2016	Pack boxes and pack up family toys and clothes
12/17/2016	Deliver food and gifts to 30 families - Clean up

## Time to Celebrate

### November Birthdays:

Mary Frances Gosnell 11/4  
Tessie Gladhill 11/6  
Jennifer Warfield 11/11  
Mike Thornett 11/12  
Tammy Hertel 11/17  
Carol Cook 11/22

### Partners in Service

Jessica Holpuch 11/10  
Jonnie Jackson 11/21

### November Anniversaries:

Charlie & Carol Stone 11/22 19 years  
Tom & Rebecca Ferleman 11/24



## Upcoming Events

**November 1-** Dinner Meeting/  
Wesley Grove UM Church

**November 2-5- White Cane** /for more  
information contact Lion Wayne  
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**November 8-** Board Meeting  
Gladhill Bros

**November 15-** Dinner Meeting/  
Wesley Grove UM Church

## Updates

Add our newest members to your  
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# October Board Minutes

10/11/2016

The meeting was called to order by King Lion Joy Schwab at 7:19. Attending were KL Joy Schwab, Lions Warren Schwab, Tom Jackson, Del Mayhew, Mary Frances Gosnell, Ken Phillips, Sue Suddath, George Hibbard, Martin Carr, John Washington, Patricia McKenzie, and Tess Gladhill.

The minutes of the 9/13 meeting were reviewed. Del Mayhew noted that the name of the school where Lion Neville Levi works was wrong and should be Hallie Wells Middle School. The change is hereby noted for the record.

## Treasurer's Reports

After some discussion, the Club and Foundation Reports were approved.

For September	Income	Expense	Net
Club Treasury	2426.77	1413.07	1013.70
Foundation	354.22	289.57	64.65

## Secretary Report

A thank you note was received from Thiyansa Pandithage and read by Lion Tom. A letter was received from the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department inviting attendance at their annual banquet. We usually send a representative and present our check for support of the fire department.

Also a letter from the Low Vision Center inviting members to the open house and tour at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Lion Tom has additional information.

There are 7 members with dues in arrears. Several of these were discussed and various members are going to check with these Lions.

## Committee Reports

Lion Mary Frances reported on the Holiday Basket Committee. She has been working with Faith Connections to obtain our list of families. We will again have 30 families to serve and have asked that each of these families have not more than 4-6 members. We will again only deliver food baskets for Christmas. The Thanksgiving will again be handled by dinner being served at two area churches. It was pointed out that attendance at the dinner was very low last year. Several reasons were discussed and our support of this event was questioned. It was decided to hold our support of this event until the next board meeting when more information will be available.

## Old Business

The beginning of the meeting included dinner brought by Lion Patricia McKenzie from Chipolte. She has been discussing a fundraiser with them where they will donate 50% of sales when the customer mentions the Club during a period publicized beforehand. They have done this with several school organizations. Lion Patricia will continue discussions and a date will be set.

Charter night was discussed and it was agreed that the night went well. KL Joy thanked everyone for their support.

The dictionary project was discussed. KL Joy stated that the project would happen. Third graders in the Damascus/Clarksburg cluster will receive a dictionary from the club. This was not done last year since the Rotary Club (who handled this in the past) has turned in their charter and no longer active in the community. KL Joy will obtain more details and costs for the next board meeting.

## New Business

The pancake breakfast will be held on Sat. KL Joy needs more help and will phone members to fill her requirements. With meeting schedule, there has not been an opportunity to fill the requirements.

Lion Mary Frances received a thank you note from the Maryland Special Olympics asking for our continued support. Action on this was postponed until next spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Jackson