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The President's Message



April has been full of events. At the April 4th meeting Lion Marcia Holpuch was our speaker.

She told us about the 22C Honor Band program. At the April 18th meeting, Pennie Gladhill told us about the history and activities of Hospice Caring. Shred Event on the 22nd, was led by Lion Julie Sain. Multiple District 22C Night was held on the 22nd also. Lions Mary Frances, Jack Peters and his wife, Charlie Hertel, Chris Fletcher, George Hibbard and his wife, Warren Schwab, and KL Joy attended. Two Damascus Youth were honored; one was Lion George's granddaughter, Erica Evans. Lion Marcia Holpuch was recognized for all she has done for the 22C Band. The month of May is coming with Youth Night on the 16th. Blood drive will be held May 18th. We seem to be busier as the year goes on. We keep serving.

KL Joy

APRIL EVENTS

Highway Cleanup – April 15

On Saturday morning, April 15, five members of the Damascus Lions club and two volunteers in service participated in a trash cleanup of Valley Park Drive. Four large garbage bags of trash were collected. The following Lions participated in the event on Saturday morning; Ray Molesworth, Wayne Marr, Tom Jackson, Warren Schwab, Tony Barry, and Del Mayhew. A special thanks to David White and son Viper.

Lion Tony Barry

Preschool Vision Screenings- April

On 7 April, Lions Chris Fletcher and Ken Phillips conducted a preschool vision screening at Neelsville Presbyterian Church. There were 17 children screened with none showing any vision problems. We had our 100th anniversary banner up for publicity. Thanks, Chris for your help.

On 24 April, Lions Wayne Marr, Julie Sain, Chris Fletcher and Ken Phillips conducted a screening at the Montgomery UMC. On a very busy morning, we managed to screen 43 children with only three being referred for possible vision problems. Thanks to the Lions for their help. The school director plans to post a picture of our team with a write-up on their web page; a bit of publicity for us. Thanks, School Director Margaret Olsen.

Lion Ken Phillips



Shred Fest – April 22

A Lion's roar of thanks to the wonderful people who came out on a cold, wet Saturday morning to make this year's Shred Fest an outstanding success. We raised \$700 for the White Cane Drive and in the process shredded 7,000 pounds of paper. The Lions were capably represented by Chris Fletcher, Bob Snapp,

Warren Schwab, Mary Francis Gosnell, Carol Stone, Charlie Hertel, Barbara Barry, Del Mahew, Joe Howerton, and Julie Sain. The Damascus Community Bank was capably represented by Brenda Main (who saved the day when she brought a canopy), Lynn Grimes, and her daughter Amy, and Chris Trone. T.D. Ayo-Durojaiye, a sophomore from Damascus High School, brought our crew up to 15.

Our heartfelt thanks again to everyone who came to help for their hard work and "unquenchable" enthusiasm.

Lions Joe Howerton and Julie Sain



22-C Night – April 22

Damascus Lions was well represented in numbers as well as awards at 22-C Night. The 22-C Honor Band performed some powerful and exciting music. The Director, Elijah Osterlch who in the Interim Associate Director of Bands at the U of MD, not only had music in his head but his whole body reflected. He moved with the music! The students who played under his direction with only two rehearsals are to be commended. What an experience for them! Our own Lion Charlie Holpuch with the assistance of his better half, Marcia, did a superb job with the students and invited parents to attend the performance. The students applied and auditioned for Scholarships that the Lions of 22-C funded. Erica Evans of Seneca Valley High School, Cedias Hembrough and Victoria Alapati

of Damascus High School were among the recipients of the scholarships. Well deserved!



Lion Jack Peters was the Damascus Lions Alpinist. International President Corbow's motto is "New Mountains To Climb"! Thus our District Governor expanded on that theme with selecting and honoring Lions who are willing to continue to climb for Lionism. Lion Jack's picture is with Past International Director Steven Tremardi of Huntington, New York and District Governor Stephen Borsh. Lion Jack received a certificate, was in the Alpinist video and was listed in the 22-C Program Book. Jack was accompanied by his Partner-In-Service Fran. Congratulations to Lion Jack!

A change from previous years, the Honor Roll recipients were announced at 22-C Night rather than at the convention. King Lion Joy

nominated Lion Marcia Holpuch for the honor. Thirteen nominations were received. Our Lion Marcia Holpuch was a recipient of being named to the Honor Roll for District 22-C this year. In the picture is 1st Vice District Governor Carl Vettel, Lion Marcia, Past International Director Steven Tremardi and District Governor Stephen Borsh.

Congratulations to Lion Marcia!

Thanks to Lions Charlie Hertel and George Hlbard for being our chauffeurs! Was a great evening!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Upcoming Events:

Lions Picnic - June 6

It's almost time for our picnic! Lions Bobbie Warfield and Wayne Marr have volunteered to host our annual picnic this year. It will take place beginning at 6:30 PM on Tuesday June 6 (our regular meeting night) at Lion Wayne's home at 10748 Middleboro Dr. in Damascus. If we have bad weather, we will gather inside the house. To find Lion Wayne's home: from Rte. 27, turn on to Marlboro Dr. (opposite side of Rte. 27 from Sweepstakes); then right on Rochester and right on Middleboro. 10748 is the sixth house on the right. Park in the driveway or on the street (all four tires on the road surface, if you can).

Spring 2017 Damascus White Cane Days

Damascus Lions: Congratulations! We raised \$2,664.25 last month during our Spring White Cane fundraiser. Twenty-six dedicated Damascus Lions performed storefront collections over thirty two-hour shifts. That's fewer Lions and fewer shifts than in a long time, but we still managed an outstanding haul. We averaged \$64.42 per shift, which is the highest shift average in recent memory. Plus, Lions helped us collect at the Shredfest. Thank you, Shredfest! Your \$700 is greatly appreciated! Absolutely every shift was important to our total collections. Please visualize the word "Lion" in front of each name in this article. As always, special thanks go to our White Cane committee members who served as Managers of the Day and/or Money Counters: Ken Phillips, Del Mayhew, Tom Jackson, and Vi Hibbard (Lion Spouse!).

Special Recognitions:

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

- Jack Peters, who collected \$110.35 at Safeway on Wednesday afternoon;
 - Barbara Barry, who collected \$100.52 at Safeway on Friday afternoon;
- The Bert Lahr Special Award for Most Courageous Lion goes to these two Lions:
- Fran Burlas. She has been in and out of the hospital with pneumonia and other problems three times very recently. But her need to serve her community was too powerful to prevent her from helping with White Cane. That's a courageous Lion!
 - Julie Sain. Julie worked three regular shifts AND organized a terrific White Cane collection at the Shredfest, which she organized. Thanks, Julie!

Total Storefront Participants:

Here is the list of Damascus Lions who gave of their time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses): B. Barry, Burlas, Fletcher, Gladhill, Gosnell, C. Hertel(2!), T Hertel, Hibbard(2!), Howerton, Jackson(2!), Levi, Marr, Mayhew, Molesworth, Newlin, Peters, Redifer-Allen(2!), Sain(3!), J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Snapp, Ca Stone, Ch Stone, Thornett, Warfield, Washington. Thank you, one and all.
Lion Wayne Marr



Pictured Joe Howerton and Larson Kimber

Time to Celebrate

May Birthdays:

Warren Schwab	5/9
Wayne Marr	5/19
John Washington	5/24
Joe Howerton	5/25
Sue Suddath	5/26
Joann Woodson	5/26
Nick Holpuch	5/27
Ronnie Poland	5/27
Rahul Suthar	5/30

Partners in Service

Tom Sain	5/10
Marcia Allen	5/23
Mary Belcher	5/25

May Anniversaries:

Charlie & Tammy Hertel	5/2 (30 years)
Anthony & Marcia Allen	5/12



Upcoming Events

- May 2-** Dinner Meeting/ Wesley Grove UM Church
- May 9-** Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros
- May 16-** Youth Night / Damascus United Methodist Church for more information contact Lion Mike Thornett @kmthorn9@verizon.net
- May 15-18-** Multiple District Convention Gettysburg, PA
- May 18 –** Blood Drive / Damascus United Methodist Church for more information contact Lion Charlie Hertel @chtelco@aol.com

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April Board Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes – 4/11/17

The meeting was called to order by King Lion Joy Schwab at 7:01. Attending were KL Joy Schwab, Lions Warren Schwab, Tom Jackson, Del Mayhew, Mary Frances Gosnell, Ken Phillips, Martin Carr, Julie Sain, Joe Howerton, Ray Molesworth, John Washington, George Hibbard and Tess Gladhill.

The minutes of the January/February board meeting and the called meeting of 3/21/17 were reviewed and approved as published in the Lions Tale.

Treasurer's Reports

The Club and Foundation Reports for March were reviewed. After some discussion, these reports were approved.

For March	Income	Expense	Net
Club Treasury	4005.00	1750.00	2255.00
Foundation	4410.71	2717.69	1693.02

Secretary Report

Thank you letters/notes were received from the following:

- Damascus High PTSA for post prom support
- A number of recipients of medical equipment
- Damascus Heritage Society

Lion Tom passed out a listing of the 5 star requirements and the club's efforts to date. Our spreadsheet report was reviewed and several additions and corrections were noted. It appears we have met the requirements for the 5 star award.

Lion Tom reported that there are three members who are in arrears in the dues. The board voted to drop one of these members. The others are to be contacted to determine if they want to drop their membership.

Committee Reports

The white-cane event is scheduled for 26-29 April and preparations are continuing. There are presently 9 shifts that are not covered. Additional recruiting will be done to fill these shifts.

The Shred-fest event will take place on April 22 at the Damascus United Methodist Church. Signs and other publications will be done in the next couple of weeks. White cane collections will be solicited during the event.

The 22-C Night Committee reported that there are two vehicles going to the event with our table of 10 filled.

The Scholarship Committee has received 16 applications to this point and reviews are underway.

Highway clean up is scheduled for 15 April. A number of members have volunteered to participate.

Due to a scheduling mix-up, youth night has been moved from 2 May to 16 May.

The Preschool vision screening committee reported a screening at Neelsville Presbyterian Church on 7 April and another scheduled for 24 April at Montgomery UMC. There were 17 children screening on the 7th and 50-60 are expected on the 24th.

Our delegation to the multiple district convention is presently at 4 members and we have a team for the golf tournament.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Jackson