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## The President's Message

We are continuing to be active Lions Club Members who serve our community.

- Successful Youth Night, DMUC, 89 present
- District 22C 5 Star Convention, Gettysburg Pa, 6 attended
- Received Five Star Club Recognition
- Governor's Exceptional Club Award (will be added to Banner)
- Blood Drive, DMUC

As this Lion's year ends, I thank each of you for your assistance with making our club great!

King Lion Joy !

## MAY EVENTS

### YOUTH NIGHT – May 16

Twenty Damascus youth organizations participated in the recent Lions Youth Night held on May 16, 2017. We first heard from the Damascus High Post Prom committee regarding their appreciation for the Lions donation. Members of the Damascus High and Clarksburg High Leos clubs as well as the Rocky Hill Leos were in attendance. Three Damascus Cluster principals also attended. They were Ms. Louise Worthington from Baker Middle School, Mr. Carl Bencal from Clarksburg Elementary, Ms. Stephanie Brant from Woodfield Elementary School. Lion Jennifer Redifer introduced school representatives from Clarksburg High and Damascus High Leos Clubs, The Rocky Hill Leos and the Baker Middle student government presented the

community service projects they accomplished this past school year.

Lion Bob Newlin introduced representatives from the elementary schools and in doing so spoke about the impressions given by the youth that evening and how those impressions far outweighed the negative comments people hear about today's youth. He commended the youth present for their contributions to our community. Bob also thanked the members on Clarksburg High, Rocky Hill Middle, Damascus High and Baker Middle for their "Canned food drives" for the holiday season. "The Lions could not have a Holiday Giving Project without the food that these schools collected.

Representatives from six elementary schools described their schools approach to the Lions gift of books to foster literacy in the schools. Some school purchased a classroom set of books which could be used by various classes of students at different grade levels. Some schools purchased a collection of different books that would be used for summer reading and for enrichment during the year, Everyone seemed enthusiastic about the project.

Lion Bob Snapp reminisced about his days as a cub scout and boy scout member. He also commended the members present from the Damascus and Clarksburg 4-H for their devotion to the community and their collaborative efforts with their 4-H projects.

Lion Barbara Barry presented the Damascus High Leo of the Year award and inducted the Damascus Leos officers for the coming school year. And, of course, the high-light of the evening was when Lion Patricia McKenzie announced three of the Lions scholarship recipients who were in attendance. Christina Hernandez, Lauren Dallas and McKenzie Vasquez spoke briefly about their appreciation for the scholarship.

Lion Mike Thornett

## **BLOOD DRIVE – May 18**

We had a blood drive at DUMC on Thursday May 18th 2017. We collected 33 units of blood with the American Red Cross. I would like to thank partner in service Cathy Heinbaugh for all of her time and effort for this blood drive. Along with all her dynamic support staff. This is our first blood drive for the 2017-2018.

Our next drive at DUMC is scheduled for Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to any of our Lions who supported this drive and or gave blood. Lion Charlie Hertel

## **AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE – May 28**

On Sunday May 28 four members of the Damascus Lions Club attended the American Legion Memorial Day Service. Lions Marcia and Charlie Holpuch performed in the Browningsville Cornet Band, Lion Tess Gladhill represented the Damascus Community Fair and I was there to



present the Damascus Lions Club wreath. If you have never attended the Memorial Day Service, you need to put it on your calendar for next year. Our President Donald Trump summarized what Memorial Day means by saying "Memorial Day is

*our nation's solemn reminder that freedom is never free. It is a moment of collective reflection on the noble sacrifices of those who gave the last measure of devotion in service of our ideals and in the defense of our nation. On this ceremonious day, we remember the fallen, we pray for a lasting peace among nations, and we honor these guardians of our inalienable rights."*

Lion Barbara Barry

## **95th MUTIPLE DISTRICT 22 CONVENTION**

International President Chancellor Bob Corlew was the highlight of the 95<sup>th</sup> Multiple District 22 Convention. He was a very warm, personable, down-to-earth yet intelligent individual. Upon speaking to the different meetings, he did so without any notes and like he was having a conversation with us. With his warm smile, he greeted everyone.

Monday of the convention was the Golf Tournament at Carroll Valley Golf Course. Our own Damascus Team consisting of Lions Bob Snapp, Ken Phillips, Charlie Hertel and Mike Thornett took second place. Congratulations Damascus Team! Bob Snapp had a banner on his balcony welcoming the Multiple District 22 which didn't go unnoticed. We heard about it in the realms of convention goers. The team

received a trophy and a gift card for each member.

Monday Night, Lions from Delaware presented a skit "Lions A Century Ago" and then International President Bob inducted a new member from the South Carroll Lioness Lions Club, District W. He introduced her as the newest member of Lions from around the world and gave the number Lions Ray Molesworth, Martin Carr, Marcia Holpuch and Mary Frances Gosnell were the Delegates for our club for the three days. Lion Bob Snapp came on Thursday as a Delegate to vote.

Lions Joy and Warren Schwab took in all the services and meetings on Wednesday. Partner-In-Service Mary Belcher came Wednesday for the Memorial Service and lunch. Mary saw some folks that worked with Jim when he was District Governor. She said that she was glad that she came and was pleased with the Eulogy for PDG Jim that was in the Memorial Service Program Book.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Vernon R. Simpson Scholarship is in memory of a Damascus High School Vice Principal and teacher as well as a valued member of the Damascus Lions Club. And his father-in-law was John T. Baker – thus the John T. Baker Middle School. The Scholarship program began in 2001. To date, the Damascus Lions have awarded \$68,500.00 to the graduates of the Damascus Cluster schools.

We received 17 applications this year, all of which were very impressive, thus very close scoring by our review board. The applicant was asked to write an essay on "How they have worked or will work towards the Lions Mission to serve their communities locally and worldwide". We were excited to present three \$1,500 scholarships to Christina Hernandez (DHS), Sara Lechliger (DHS) and Lauren Dallas (CHS).

In addition, the Damascus Lions Club offers scholarships to recognize **Unique Achievement**. These applicants are asked to write an essay entitled "My Journey" in which they talk about a particular hardship presented to them and how that struggle brought the student to where they are today. This being the second year for this scholarship program which is funded from the Student Loan Principal repaid to the club from the

Student Loan Program, we have presented \$7,000 thus far.

We had 5 applications and again very impressive. We were happy to present three \$1000 scholarships to -Makenzie Vasquez(DHS), Sayma Islam(DHS) and Chayla Duppins(CHS).

Congratulations to all!

The scholarships were announced at the Awards Night at Damascus and Clarksburg High Schools as well as the Lions Youth Night

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

## GOLF TOURNAMENT – June 5

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all who participated in the making the Damascus Lions Club 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, June 5th, 2017 at Glade Valley another huge success. The success of this event allows the Damascus Lions Club to give back 100% of the proceeds from the golf tournament towards the community. We provide medical equipment to local residents, run blood drives, give scholarships to local students and organizations, collect eye glasses, provide support to the community with food and other services as needed. The Damascus Lions Club is in awe of the generous support from our Lions, participants, sponsors, tournament enthusiasts, friends and family of the golf tournament that return year after year. (You!) Thank You for making it a big success and for your continued support of the Damascus Lions Club.

Lion Charlie Hertel

## Upcoming Events:

### SKATE PARK RENOVATION- June 17

The lions club recently voted to spend some club funds to rejuvenate the Damascus Skate Park. I volunteered to chair the effort and I started by replacing the rotten plywood on the ramps. I am now looking for a team of volunteers to help with painting the wood so it all looks new again. I need people on June 17 at 9am till Noon. Work will include light wire brushing and painting. I will provide the brushes rollers and paint, all I need is enthusiasm. Spread the word to anyone who might want to help and let me know if you can help. Thanks

Lion Tony

## ICE CREAM Dipping – August 15

Come out and support your Damascus Lions Club on Tuesday August 15, 2017. Remember that this is in place of our Damascus Lions Club Dinner Meeting, everyone is welcome. 3 shifts are needed morning, afternoon and evening or stay all day. The fair has asked for all workers to be at least 16 years of age. This will gain you SSL hours for all students that contribute. Call Lion Tammy Hertel to schedule and or receive a pass to get into the fair. Also remember it is senior day at the fair. Admission is free to seniors that day as long as you are in before 4:00 pm. We will give out passes at the Lions Club Dinner on Tuesday August 1st at Montgomery UM Church if needed. The Damascus Lions are responsible for helping open the Dairy Barn before the start of the fair. The work days are July 29th, and August 5th beginning at 8 am to 12:00 pm with a free lunch at 12:30 pm. You can pick up some additional SSL hours if you come in to help with the opening. Thank You !! Tammy Hertel Cell (301)370-6414

### Time to Celebrate

#### June Birthdays:

Ann Davis	6/2
Charlie Hertel	6/16
Jenn Hyde	6/17

#### Partners in Service

Bonnie Mayhew (Del)	6/19
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#### June Anniversaries:

Ken & Sue Phillips	6/6	53 years
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Did you see the double Rainbow Friday May 26?  
Just keep in mind, you can't have a rainbow  
without a little rain!

\*We are still needing some support for the opening day of the Montgomery County Fair in the Ice Cream Dairy Barn. The Parlor opens at 1:00 pm on Friday August 11th and the Damascus Lions are needed to help staff the opening day. Please let me know if you can help for a few hours. This work day is a must!  
Lions Charlie & Tammy Hertel

### Upcoming Events

**June 5-** Golf Tournament/ Glade Valley Golf Course  
for more information contact

Lion Bob Snapp 301-788-6701

**June 6-** Family Picnic at Wayne Marr's house 10748  
Middleboro Court, Damascus 301-253-5619

**June 13-** Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

**June 20-** Installation Night / Montgomery County  
Golf Club for more information contact Lion Bob  
Snapp 301-788-6701

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# May Board Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes – 5/9/17

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, Mike Thornett, Ray Molesworth, John Washington, Marcia Holpuch, Patricia McKenzie, Barbara Barry, Tony Barry, George Hibbard and Tess Gladhill.

The minutes of the April board meeting were reviewed and approved as published in the Lions Tale.

## Treasurer's Reports

The Club and Foundation Treasurer's Reports for April were reviewed. After some discussion, these reports were approved.

For March	Income	Expense	Net
Club Treasury	964.00	1269.90	-305.90
Foundation	193.87	533.64	-339.77

## Secretary Report

Thank you letters/notes were received from the following:

- Penny Gladhill of Hospice Caring
- Leader Dog
- LVRF at Johns Hopkins

A letter was received from LCI suggesting that the club elect a coordinator for LCIF business and communications. After some discussion, it was determined that LCIF business is a part of the Melvin Jones committee. A motion was made and approved to include the duties of coordinating with LCIF in the duties of the Melvin Jones committee.

Lion Tom reported a need for a supply of letterhead paper and envelopes.

## Committee Reports

The Youth Night committee reported that everything is good for youth night on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. Lion Mike reported that the event was over budget by \$1200.00. A motion to cover this cost was made and approved. An email will be sent to determine the number of Lions to be attending to establish a better count for dinner. Presently an estimate of 90 lions and guests was made.

It has been reported that the skate parks at the Recreation Center is in need of some maintenance. Lion Tony inspected the facility and reported that there were some rotting wood in addition some painting needed. He estimated that \$400.00 to \$450.00 in funds would be needed and the work would require one to two days. This effort would be a youth and community activity for the centennial celebration. A motion to authorize up to \$500.00 be spent for this project was made and approved.

The Shred-fest event incurred an additional cost of \$180.00 for the sign. A motion was made and approved to cover this cost and the funds will come from the foundation treasury since this was a community event.

The 22-C Night Committee reported an enjoyable evening for those attending the event. Damascus High students received two scholarships and Lion George's grand-daughter from Seneca Valley High received another.

Our delegation to the multiple district convention is presently at 5 members and we have a team for the golf tournament. Installation Night will again be held at Montgomery Country Club in Laytonsville.

The club will again be serving the pancake breakfast at the Celebrate Damascus event on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July. It was agreed that we would serve from 7 to 11 this year.

The Memorial Day ceremony at the Damascus Legion will be held on Sunday, May 28. Either Lion Marcia or Lion Barbara will present the flower for the club. A motion to spend \$125.00 for the arrangement of real flowers was made and approved.

## New Business

Lion Patricia proposed a new fund-raiser for the club to increase the operating funds. It would consist of offering an advertising page in the Lion Tale for members or others to advertise in the Lions Tale for members to see. She presented a fee structure and it was decided that since it would be benefiting the membership it would be considered club funds. A motion was made and approved to institute this fundraiser.

The Budget committee presented budgets for the Foundation and the Club for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. After some discussion and consideration, approval was tabled until the next board meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Jackson

## 95<sup>th</sup> Multiple District Convention Continued

There were many seminars which were very well attended, educational and very well done. They were presented by well versed Lions and a few non-Lions. One being "Drugs In Our Society" conducted by Carroll County Health Department and States Attorney Office.

The voting results on Thursday resulted in no surprises for the candidates. Elected were Lions Carl Vettel, for District Governor, Andrea Cumberland, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and Sonia Wiggins, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Governor. The resolution in regard to the Bull Throwers Award was approved by a very narrow margin. The Bull Throwers Award will be removed from the Constitution and Bylaws of the District and revamped into the Policies and Procedures Manual to have a better meaning and to be able to reach more deserving Lions.

The convention attendees always come home with a little bit more knowledge about Lionism, have made more new Lion friends and have some new and good ideas for our club moving forward.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell