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The President's Message

We made it through July with a full schedule of events. Thank you to Lion Sue for the Senior Birthday Party. Thank you's go out to Lion Roy Stanley for the use of wagon for our float and to everyone who participated. Lion Tess did an outstanding job with the Flea Market and Keys game. Thanks to Tony and his team for the road clean-up. Now we move into the Dog Days of August with our first dinner meeting on August 1st at Montgomery UM Church followed by Ice Cream Dipping, Sight & Hearing Testing and our Blood Drive. We had a tremendous showing of support from our lions for Lion Jack Poole. Thank you to Lion's Bob Snapp and Ken Philips for sharing their stories. We must not forget the Lions who have passed on. Hope everyone keeps cool in this heat!
King Lion John

JULY EVENTS

FLEA MARKET SET UP- July 6

Thursday evening was a warm summer night. At 7:00 p.m., Lions Mary Frances, Chris, Ray, Tom J., Marcia and myself were on the lawn of the Damascus United Methodist Church to mark 30 spaces for the Damascus Days Lions Flea Market. Ray had a trusty hammer and stakes and as always Tom brought his well used many times before long tape measure and a back-up just in

case. We divided into 2 groups, one at each end of the yard, and I gave each group our marker maker with paint. We quickly went about our task and 45 minutes later we stood around admiring our work. Then on Saturday July 8, a wonderful bright sunny day, the flea marketers begin to arrive. They each picked out their special spot. Lion Chris was there bright and early to get the Lions Club spot. She began to set up all of our club's goodies as I directed the marketers to the available spots as they each arrived. By 9:30 everyone was in place, set and ready to go. The fleas (buyers) began slow to show, but after a bit, were steady for the rest of the day. We sold 23 spaces for a total of \$460.

Lion Tessie Gladhill

DAMASCUS DAYS FLEA MKT- July 8

I want to thank all the Lions that helped to make this year's flea market a success. The day was sunny, and definitely not as hot as last year. Lion Chris started setting up the booth early. Lion Mary Frances Gosnell was there to drop off her items for the booth. She made Lions Club labels for 4 dozen bottles of water and made cookies, brownies and pound cake for the bake sale. Lions Jenny Redifer-Allen, Marcia Holpuch and Ken Phillips help man the booth throughout the day. We had the first spaces in the parking lot and Lion Marcia was able to take advantage of that and was able to park the Boy Scout pickup truck by our booth to recruit for Cub Scout Pack 438. Lions Ann Davis, Martin Carr, Ken Phillips, Wayne Marr and former Lion Sandy Gill donated items to be sold. We also had several Lions that made purchases at our booth. We raised \$143.09 for our efforts of the day. Lions Ken and Tess helped with cleaning up the booth and loading more boxes into my truck than I started with at the beginning of the day. Again, thanks to everyone who helped to make the day successful. I know I could not have done it without your help.

Lion Chris Fletcher

SENIOR CTR BIRTHDAY PARTY- July 6

Spell this word – Celebration! Flag! Fire Cracker!

Draw a flag with your paper on top of your head!

What song is this one?

And the party went on and on for 20 Seniors at the Senior Center on July 6. They all look forward to the Lions coming as they get to be creative and play different games. Happy Birthday was sung to 5 Seniors who have birthdays in July. Lion Sue was assisted by her daughter and granddaughter, Terri and Hannah Atkins and Lions George Hibbard, Chris Fletcher, Joy Schwab and Mary Frances Gosnell. The Seniors were served 4 different kinds of homemade cake, ice cream and soda. They had a goodie bag waiting for them at the door as they were leaving. All had a great time celebrating the 4th of July and their birthdays.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

HIGHWAY CLEANUP – July 15

On Saturday morning six members of the Damascus Lions club 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, Tom Jackson, Warren Schwab, Tony Barry, Barbara Barry, Joe Howerton, and Del Mayhew.

Lion Tony Barry



KEYS GAME- July 20

“Take me out the ballgame, buy me some.....”

The Damascus Lions had a warm, humid, but a slight breeze on Thursday, July 20, to sit and watch another exciting winning ballgame in the shade, right behind the batter. Best seats in the house. The Frederick Keys started out 1 run behind in the 1st inning, but took off from there ending with an 8 to 2 win against the Wilmington Blue Rocks. A member of the club mentioned that the Barry's again left before the 2 run homer by the keys at the end, missing the final excitement of the game.

We had only 10 actual lions, but the family and friends showed up to make a total of 40. All in all there were hot dogs, popcorn, beer, water, burgers, ice cream, snow cones, and a fun evening for a night out. Hope you can join us next year. The First 1000 attendees got flashlight keychains. Did any Lion get one? And remember, if you went to the game and received a ball bank from Potomac Edison, please fill that for your retirement :).



Lion Tessie Gladhill

Clarksburg Heritage Days- June 24

It was a beautiful day for Clarksburg Heritage Days that took place on Saturday, June 24. The event was put on by the Clarksburg Historical Society. It was held to showcase the 265-year-old town of Clarksburg's rich history. It started with the Clark Family Memorial Cemetery Dedication; then a day of free, fun activities and interactive displays. Visitors also enjoyed live music, face painting, a moon bounce, costumed docents, a free shuttle ride to visit a 1909 two-room schoolhouse, and much more! Clarksburg kindergarten to 5th grade students could participate in a coloring contest. Lion Joanne Woodson joined me to talk to visitors and hand out our Lions Club Centennial brochure and flyers on our fund raising event at Ledo's and talk about the upcoming Celebrate Damascus events.

Lion Chris Fletcher



Time to Celebrate

August Birthdays:

Tom Didone	8/11
Charlie Holpuch	8/21
Patricia McKenzie	8/25
Sandeep Somaiya	8/27

Partners in Service

None

August Anniversaries:

George & Viola Hibbard	8/15	58 years
Joy & Warren Schwab	8/31	57 years

Upcoming Events

August 1- Dinner Meeting – Montgomery UM Church

August 8 - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

August 15 – Ice Cream Dipping/ Montgomery County Fair Grounds for more information contact Lion Charlie Hertel chtelco@aol.com and Lion Tammy Hertel Tammy_hertel@mcpsmd.org

August 17 – Sight and Hearing Screening / Montgomery County Fair Grounds for more information contact Lion Wayne Marr waynemarr@aol.com

August 24 – Blood Drive / Damascus United Methodist Church for more information contact Lion Charlie Hertel chtelco@aol.com



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July Board Minutes

The meeting was called to order by King Lion John Washington. Attending were KL John Washington, Lions Warren Schwab, Joy Schwab, Tom Jackson, Del Mayhew, Mary Frances Gosnell, Martin Carr, Ray Molesworth, Marcia Holpuch, Patricia McKenzie, Barbara Barry, Tony Barry, George Hibbard, Joe Howerton, Neville Levi, Chris Fletcher and Tess Gladhill.

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

Treasurer's Reports

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

Club P & L Review – Lion Del Mayhew

Reviewed income and expenses for prior period along with current bank balances.

Lion Marcia Holpuch noted a correction was needed in bank balance due to a dropped digit.

It was decided that the funds raised for the 75th anniversary should be tracked on asset statement. Lion Del Mayhew confirmed that dues will be recorded separately from the anniversary fund

The board agreed that the increase in fees to cover the 75th anniversary fund needs to be included in the newsletter, a motion to amend the May board minutes to reflect a \$10 increase per billing period was approved.

The Financial statement was approved.

Foundation P & L review – Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

It was reported that funds raised exceeded budget projections.

Lion Mary Frances suggested we discuss where to hold the foundation funds going forward. Concern was raised about the DCB change to Old Line. After some discussion, it was agreed that money be kept liquid or in shorter term CDs for the time being.

Lions Barbara Barry noted expected expenditures for student loans should be taken into account.

The report was approved subject to audit by the board.

Secretary's Report

The roster book has been ordered.

A 6-month schedule is to be sent out.

Review of letter from Mike Thornett confirming receipt of donation to Thor Teams

Other Matters

Damascus Days - Lions Tess Gladhill and Chris Fletcher reported on the traffic and flea market. Activity was down from prior years while the number of flea market spaces has remained consistent. Lion Chris Fletcher reported flea market proceeds of \$143.09. Participation by Lions was good.

Parade participation was great with many new businesses participating in the event.

Lion Mary Frances reported on the parade. Lion Roy Stanley donated a truck and 9 Leo's assisted with clean up.

Portrayal of Melvin Jones (Lion Tom), Hellen Keller (Lion Patricia), Andy Sullivan (Lion Chris) Lion Outfit (Erica – George Hibbert's granddaughter). \$44.50 was the total cost including food and water for participants. The Board approved reimbursement for cost out of pocket.

Picture from parade should be included with monthly LCI activity report

Key's Game – Lion Tess reported that she still has tickets available for 7/20 \$12.00 per ticket 7PM. The First 1000 attendees get flashlight keychains.

Pancake Breakfast – Club now has signs to post in the run-up to the event going forward.

Ledo's Fundraiser – Lion Patricia reported that \$91.21 was raised throughout the day.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

COME HELP THE DAMASCUS LIONS CLUB DIP ICE CREAM



AT THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

ICE CREAM BARN

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017

3 SHIFTS- 11:00AM-3:00PM

3:00PM-7:00PM; 7:00PM -CLOSE

GET COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

FREE WORK PASSES INTO THE FAIR

WEAR A HAT



PASSES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT GATE DAY OF EVENT

CALL TAMMY HERTEL 301-370-6414 TO ARRANGE PICK-UP

We need help with Barn cleanup on 2 Saturdays before the fair,

July 29 & Aug 5 – 8:00am-12pm lunch provided

THE LIONS CLUB HAS THE ICE CREAM BARN ALL WEEK. YOU CAN HELP ANY DAY DURING THE FAIR



WITH OTHER LIONS CLUBS.

