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The President's Message



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Thanks goes out to Lion Tony and his elves for getting the wreaths up in town. Looks good Tony! Just an FYI on the Christmas Party. This year it will be at Wesley Grove.

Damascus UMC could not accommodate us. It will be December 19th which is a Tuesday. We will need a head count. The bodies can be counted later. Thanks to Lion Mary Frances, Lion Chris Fletcher and others for getting everything ready for our Christmas drive. This takes a lot of prep and it pays off big in smiling faces.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from this smiling face! You had better watch out. I know who has been good. All of you have been.

KL John

HOLIDAY PARTY – December 19

The Lions Holiday Party will be held at Wesley Grove UM Church on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:45 PM. There will be a Gift Exchange whereby each attendee brings a wrapped gift not to exceed \$15.

Also please bring hats, gloves, mittens or scarfs for adults as well as children for the families on our Holiday Giving Project.

Please RSVP to Lion Tess by December 12 as we need to get a count to the cooks.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE November 9

We had a blood drive at DUMC on Thursday November 9th, 2017.

We collected 39 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 terrific support staff.

Our next drive at DUMC is scheduled for Thursday January 25th, 2018.

Thank you to Lion Joy and Lion Warren for the support of this drive and to any one of our Lions who gave blood.
Lion Charlie Hertel



HOLIDAY WREATHS- November 24

On Friday Nov 24, the Lions club of Damascus continued a 26 year tradition by hanging the Christmas wreaths on the lamp posts throughout Damascus. Six lions and four friends of Lions gathered at the Damascus McDonalds at 9am on Friday morning and after a brief “how to” clinic given by Lion Tony Barry, they split up into 4 teams and began hanging the wreaths.

The hard work of Lions Del Mayhew, Tony Barry, Ray Molesworth, Bob Snapp, Wayne Marr, Jack Peters and Joe Howerton made short work of the 40 lamp posts and the team had completed the project by 10:00am. The friends of the Lions who helped were John Barry, Ryan Muse, CJ Muise and Nick Doan. A special word of thanks to Lion Charlie Hertel who loaned his three step ladders to the Lions club for the execution of the project.

The Lions will take the Christmas wreaths down in early January.

Lion Tony Barry

Upcoming Events:

SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY PARTY

Lion Sue Suddath is busy planning another Holiday Party at the Damascus Senior Center on Thursday, December 7 at 1 pm. The Seniors enjoy the games and making of crafts as well as a Sing-A-Long. And not to miss, the delicious homemade refreshments. Each Senior leaves with renewed Holiday Spirit along with a tote bag of goodies. Lions, we need assistance with this party – can you help?



HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT

A Timeline for the Holiday Giving Project is printed below. A few reminders, the Sign-up Sheets for the project will be passed around again at the December 5 dinner meeting. We need your help so please take the time to sign up, mark your calendar and the Holiday Giving Folks will be in touch.

Warm accessories, hats, gloves, mittens and scarfs for men, women and children may be

brought to the Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 19.

Let's hope the weather cooperates a bit better than last year. And as a reminder, the project will take place at Gladhill Brothers, Route 27.

Looking forward to pulling together another Lions Service Event!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

HOLIDAY BASKET TIMELINE 2017

***Holiday Giving Project will take place at
Gladhill Brothers***

12/19		Lions Holiday Party bring hats, gloves, mittens, socks Warm things for children and adults
12/20		Pick-up Non-perishable foods from Schools and NRC - Bob Newlin Leader
12/20	6:30 PM	Sort non-perishable foods at Gladhill Bros.
12/21	Noon - 7 pm	Pack boxes, wrap clothing & pack gifts
12/22	Noon - 5 pm	Pack boxes and pack up family toys and clothes
12/23	8 - 10:30 am	Deliver food and gifts to 30 families Excess foods to HELP Clean-up Merry Christmas!

Time to Celebrate

December Birthdays:

Martin Carr	12/5
Neville Levi	12/5
Helen Boyer	12/15
Tony Barry	12/17
Del Mayhew	12/29

Partners in Service

Tom Marley (Julie Sain)	12/12
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December Anniversaries:

None

Upcoming Events

December 5 - Dinner Meeting/ Wesley Grove UM Church/ Spouse Night

December 7 – Senior Party / Damascus Senior Center for more information contact Lion Sue Suddath 301-253-3434

December 12 - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

December 19 – Holiday Party /Wesley Grove UM Church

December 20 – 23 Holiday Giving Project for more information contact Lion Mary Frances Gosnell mgosnelldamacuslions@gmail.com



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November Board Minutes

Attendees: Lions Tess Gladhill, Warren Schwab, Patricia McKensie, Carol Stone, Mary Frances Gosnell, Mike Thornet, Tom Jackson, Del Mayhew, Marcia Holpuch, Chris Fletcher, George Hibbard, John Washington, Joy Schwab, Martin Carr

7:00PM Meeting called to order by King Lion John Washington

Prior Minutes - Mary Frances noted to corrections to October minutes. Changes made to prior minutes as requested. Minutes approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report - Del Mayhew distributed and reviewed the Treasurer's report and it was approved with no revisions.

Foundation P & L – Mary Frances Gosnell distributed and reviewed the P&L and it was approved by the board.

Secretary's Report – Reported on woman that contacted the club wanting assistance with burying her brother. It was suggested that Damascus Help may be a more appropriate organization to provide this assistance. Joe Howerton to contact and make recommendation.

Nine members still have dues outstanding. Joe Howerton will be contacting their sponsors for assistance in collecting. Neville Levi has requested a transfer and was one of the nine outstanding.

Wayne Marr responded to a website request from a mother to provide glasses to her son. Assistance was provided.

Lions Foundation FYE 2017 Reconciliation and Tax Return - Mike Thornett distributed and reviewed the Foundation tax return. One correction changing Secretary from Ken Philips to Tom Jackson. Board approved as amended.

Committee Reports

Marcia wrote LCI about the community skate park. A Lions Club sign at the park has been approved but some concern was raised that putting a sign could open Lions up to a lawsuit. Marcia is researching liability insurance.

Membership

Membership received a resignation from Ronnie (Veronica) Poland. Marcia suggested waiving the extra 10.00 for the 75th anniversary and bring her current after payment. Additional two months will be waived. Motion was made to resign in good standing and approved.

Received VM from Neville Levi saying he wants to transfer to another club. Needs to be current then accept transfer.

Patricia MacKensie suggested a \$5.00 late fee if dues are not paid. Board decided we will attempt it for the next 6 month period. Ken Philips will be transferring out of District. Send off will be Tuesday Nov 21st

Old Business

Received note from Damascus Community Fair board thanking the club for participation in the fair. Several Lions attended the banquet.

Mary Frances attended Fire Department Banquet Saturday October 11th

Received a letter from DHS PTSA thanking club for support.

Discussed ad for District 2-C night. Ad needs to be submitted. The Club needs to replace Ken Philips' involvement with the preschool screening and obtain the device.

Received an email from a neighbor wanting to know if the club is willing to sponsor the DSA team. Board decided to refer the request to Mike Thornett for consideration.

New Business

Recognition for Supporting White Cane - Carol Stone reported that Wayne Marr asked to propose a recognition from the Lions Club for CVS and Safeway for supporting White Cane. They also support holiday baskets. Suggested we purchase two plaques from Jerry's Trophy's Mt. Airy and have the King Lion and Board members to present. Board approves funding for the two plaques. Club will invite them to a dinner meeting. Discussion that the plaques should not come out of white cane funds. Funds will be disbursed from community organizational support.

Recognition for Boy Scouts - Tess Gladhill reported that boy scouts assisted with cleaning and organizing medical closet for their Eagle project. Scouts should be recognized by the club.

Rocky Hill Food Drive - Pickup has been moved to November 30th. Bob Newlin has suggested that enough volunteers have committed to helping but to report date change at the dinner meeting.

Future of Pancake Breakfast - Joy Schwab suggested that the pancake breakfast the past few times has not been working. Participation has been in decline and it is too much work. Club needs to revamp the event if it is to continue. Concerns raised that there is not enough community support.

Main Street Christmas Decorating - Black Friday 9AM meeting at McDonalds to hang wreaths in town. Everything Damascus is sending 4 volunteers to wrap the poles on a section on Main St.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:30PM

Lion Joe Howerton