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The President's Message



Fall is in full swing. We have a cornucopia of projects coming up. First, I would like to commend Lion Barbara Barry on her work to get the Clarksburg Leo's Club up and running. This takes a lot of work and planning, but will be a big plus for us and Clarksburg. If all goes as planned, we will celebrate in January. Also, Lion Tony Barry should be back with us from helping in St. Thomas. A big thanks to Lion Tony for his work in helping others. Thank you to Lion Joy for our Fall Pancake Breakfast. We did it in spite of not having the new freezers. Thank you to Lion Wayne and his crew for White Cane. Our next meeting is Nov 7th. If any of you would like to dress up for a late Halloween meeting, please do. We will have prizes for the best costume. Please be safe on Halloween night and watch out for the children. We are entering the season of giving, let's think of others who are not as well off as we are.

KL John

OCTOBER EVENTS

Charter Night - October 3

This year's Charter Night was another Damascus Lion success. There were 49 Lions and guests in attendance. We had many of the District "Big Wigs" including our Governor Carl Vettel. Our other guests included 1st Vice DG Andrea Cumberland, 2nd Vice DG Sonia Wiggins and her husband Dave, Cabinet Secretary Laura Salers, Cabinet Treasurer Leah Everhart, Admin Assistant Ronnie Cervenka and our own Zone Chair Barbara Barry. This year's award recipients were Lion of the Year – Jenny Redifer-Allen, Lion of the Years- Del Mayhew, Emerson Slacum- Tom Jackson. Lion Bob Snapp

Lion Tony- Hurricane Relief

As a result of hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria in September 2017, The Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, took the unprecedented step of reaching beyond their agency and beyond the Department of Homeland Security to other federal agencies for help with the hurricane relief efforts. Lion Daniel A. (Tony) Barry, an assistant Director with the Department of Justice, answered the call from FEMA to help and was chosen to work as part of the logistics team deployed to the US Virgin Islands.

Lion Tony spent 45 days working logistics missions between St Croix, St Thomas and St John all three of which were hit extremely hard by both Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria. The three main islands that make up the US Virgin Islands are populated by extremely resourceful and resilient US citizens who are used to making do with what they have and dealing with the normal hardships of remote and isolated island life, but the back to back hurricanes dealt them a blow that was devastating. Sustained winds in excess of 200mph were recorded during the hurricanes, roofs were ripped off homes, power poles and trees were snapped in half and boats were washed ashore and destroyed. The islands looked like a war zone. The Island power grid is not expected to be fully operational until mid-2018. Lion Tony performed logistics missions that included coordinating food, water and tarp distribution in conjunction with the Red Cross, he assisted several first responder entities including NJ State Troopers and Emergency Medical Technicians, Main National Guard, and FEMA with transportation requirements throughout the Islands and he assisted with setting up vital emergency communications equipment and command and control facilities to help coordinate the efforts of State and Local governments with those of FEMA.

While deployed on the islands, Lion Tony ate and slept on one of several commercial ships that were procured by FEMA to house first responders. The ship was comfortable but very tight and lacked any privacy, but compared to the hardships endured by the Islanders, it was heaven. After his deployment to the US Virgin Islands recovering from double disasters, Lion Tony has a new appreciation for the basic comforts of home and was glad to be able to help the disaster survivors but will be glad to get home.

Lion Tony Barry



Fall White Cane

Damascus Lions: Congratulations! We raised \$1,934.12 last month during our Fall White Cane fundraiser. Twenty-five dedicated Damascus Lions performed storefront collections over twenty-eight two-hour shifts. That's fewer Lions and fewer shifts than in a long time, but we still managed an outstanding haul. We averaged \$69.14 per shift, which is the highest shift average we have ever attained. 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, George Hibbard, and Bobbie Warfield.

Special Recognitions:

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

- Julie Sain, who collected \$140.76 at Safeway on Friday afternoon;
- Carol Stone, who collected \$126.17 at Safeway on Saturday afternoon;
- Jack Peters, who collected \$122.12 at Safeway on Wednesday afternoon;
- John Washington, who collected \$110.20 at Safeway on Friday evening;
- Barbara Barry, who collected \$105.58 at Safeway on Thursday afternoon;

- The Bert Lahr Special Award for Most Courageous Lion goes to:

Sue Suddath who, despite puncturing her foot the day before, went on to collect at CVS on Friday afternoon. Such courage!

Storefront Lions:

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, Carr, Fletcher(2!), Gladhill, Gosnell, T Hertel, Hibbard(2!), M. Holpuch, Howerton, Jackson(2!), Marr, Mayhew, Molesworth, Newlin, Peters, Redifer-Allen, Sain(2!), J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Snapp, Ca Stone, Ch Stone, Suddath, Warfield, Washington. Thank you, one and all.

Lion Wayne Marr

Fall Pancake Breakfast- Oct 21

This year's Fall Pancake Breakfast was on a beautiful Fall Saturday morning. We had 28 Lions in attendance, 2 Leos (One from Clarksburg Leo Club). We served 84 adults, 24 children for a grand total of 112 people. The profit from ticket sales is \$1224.07. The Bake Table profit is \$144, making a grand total profit of \$1368.07. Thanks to all volunteers who help out days in advance and to those who give up their Saturday morning flippin', crackin', waitin' and scrubbin' !

Our KUDOS to Joy and Warren Schwab for coordinating the breakfast, getting the groceries, storing and making all the supplies available, pre-preparing some foods and giving of their time and energies to make it a successful fund raiser.

Lion Joy Schwab

Visitations

The Lions Visitation program is an integral part of our club qualifying for the District Governors "Five Star Award" that is presented at the District convention. The club needs all Lion's members to visit other Lions Club during the year. The requirement is for the Club to visit other Lions clubs equal to 50% of the membership of the Lions Club of Damascus. A visitation is defined as attending another club's regular meeting, charter night, fund raiser or social event. If you plan to attend the regular meeting, please contact the other club's secretary prior to your visit. I will have contact information for clubs in District 22C and 22W available at our regular meetings. A visitation to any Lion's club around the world can be reported as a visitation. Please sign up and help the club meet the visitations quota for this year. We received the Governors recognition award for visitations for Lions year 2016-2017.

Lion Ray Molesworth

HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT

The Holiday Giving folks are already preparing for the Lions Holiday Giving project. We will have 30 families to serve. The Timeline for the project is posted in this Lions Tale. Please review it and mark your calendars. We need you!

Items to note –

- There will be two pickup times for school food drives. Bob Newlin will be in touch
- Bring warm items for the families to the Holiday Christmas Party
- Sign up Sheets to help will be at the November 21 meeting
- Suggest you do your personal holiday preparation early as the project takes place very close to Christmas Day!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

HOLIDAY BASKET TIMELINE 2017									
<i>Holiday Giving Project will take place at</i>			<i>Gladhill Brothers</i>						
11/4/2017			Tradesmen Motorcycle Toy Run						
11/15/2017			Guarantee date to receive family names of 30 families						
11/21/2017			Pick up Rocky Hill nonperishable foods						
11/21/2017			Sign-Up for Delivery and other duties at Dinner Meeting						
11/23/2017			Thanksgiving Day - No deliveries. Spend time with your family!						
11/29/2017			Shop for Clothes						
12/19/2017			Lions Holiday Party bring hats, gloves, mittens, socks						
			Warm things for children and adults						
12/20/2017			Pick-up Non-perishable foods from Schools and NRC - Bob Newlin Leader						
12/20/2017	6:30 PM		Sort non-perishable foods						
12/21/2017	Noon - 7 pm		Pack boxes, wrap clothing & pack gifts						
12/22/2017	Noon - 5 pm		Pack boxes and pack up family toys and clothes						
12/23/2017	8 am - 10:30 am		Deliver food and gifts to 30 families						
			Excess foods to HELP						
			Clean-up						
			Merry Christmas!						

Time to Celebrate

November Birthdays:

Mary Frances Gosnell	11/4 *
Tess Gladhill	11/6
Dale Ryan	11/10
Jennifer Warfield	11/11
Mike Thornett	11/12
Tammy Hertel	11/17

** Special Birthday !*

Partners in Service

Fran Peters (Jack)	11/4
Jessica Holpuch (Nick)	11/10
Jonnie Jackson (Tom)	11/21

November Anniversaries:

Carol & Charlie Stone	11/22 20 years
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Upcoming Events

November 7 - Dinner Meeting/ Wesley Grove UM Church

November 14 - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

November 21 - Dinner Meeting/ Wesley Grove UM Church/ Spouse Night

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October Board Minutes

Damascus Lions Board Meeting Minutes October 2017

Attendees: John Washington, Del Mayhew, George, Barbara Barry, Joy Schwab, Tess Gladhill, Warren Schwab, Mary Frances Gosnell, Ken Philips, Tom Jackson, Martin, Patricia McKenzie, Chris Fletcher

King Lion John Washington called meeting to order 7:00 PM

Motion to approve September meeting minutes. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Reports - Del Mayhew presented the Treasurer's report. Approved by Board.

Foundation P & L Statement - Mary Frances Gosnell reviewed. Approved by Board.

Secretary's Report – Joe Howerton. Member dues for 9 Lions remain outstanding.

Club received a Damascus Community Fair Dinner invite for 10/12

Joanne and Paul letterman sent a thank you note for medical equipment and \$25

Visitation report was received in September and reported on 5 star report.

Committee Reports

Mary Frances suggested putting signs out for pancake breakfast on Sunday prior since the signs do not have a specific date. Rick Kendell will be doing signs.

Oct 21st pancake breakfast – Joy needs signup. Joe Howerton to email rsvp to Joy for volunteers since her email is not being used. Joy Needs help the day before at 1pm and are scheduled to start 7am Saturday, volunteers needed as early as 6am.

White cane fundraising scheduled same week.

Holiday Baskets – Chris Fleming reported 30 families have been signed up.

Old Business

Sign at skate park may be a problem. Marcia will update board as more information is available.

New Business

Clarksburg High has 113 students application forms for Leo club

Kim Moore is a new sponsor for the club. Barbara Barry will follow through with the formalities for setting up the club.

Club needs to schedule a charter night.

Joe Howerton to see if forming Leo club is a category in the activity report

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted: Secretary Joe Howerton