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The President's Message



As we celebrate our 72nd Charter Night we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers those who lost everything from Harvey, Irma and Maria.

A big thank you goes to Lion Mary Frances and her crew for

helping with the Damascus Fair. The popcorn is always a big hit. Thanks also to first VP Lion Chris Fletcher for filling in for me at the last dinner meeting.

Our fall Pancake Breakfast is fast approaching.

Please see Lion Joy Schwab to volunteer.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable evening tonight.

KL John

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR POPCORN – Sept 8-10

The weather was just right for a great Community Fair. The fair, as usual, is the best event in town. No entrance and parking fee, plenty to see and do and free popcorn to boot!!!

We operated the popcorn machine starting at 8 am on Friday morning. Let it rest mid day Friday but didn't stop thereafter until Sunday afternoon around 2:30. We ran out of popcorn packets as well as bags. Did some improvising for the last couple of hours.

There was approximately 2400 bags of popcorn consumed, a record. We gave 270 out to school children and another 50 to preschool and eldercare. A highlight of the school tours was two classes from Woodfield Elementary sat on the ground under the big tent to eat their lunch and their popcorn before returning to school. What a great idea!

Thank you to Lions Joe Howerton, Wayne Marr, Warren and Joy Schwab, Chris Fletcher, Bob Snapp, John Washington, Jenny Redifer-Allen, Neville Levi, Fran and Jack Peters, Tom Jackson, Marcia Holpuch, George Hibbard, Del Mayhew, Dale Ryan, Ray Molesworth and Leos Sara Chepkoit and Michelle Palma for working in the popcorn booth. We clocked in about 145 hours on this project. We talked to prospective members, fielded questions as to where eye glass collection boxes are located, talked about our medical loan closet, Blood Drive and collected \$140 for Disaster Relief. It is amazing what a little scoop of popcorn will do!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

ICE CREAM CHURNING- Sept 8

On Friday, September 8 the Damascus Lions attempted to defend our title as best homemade, hand churned ice cream. Will we win the first place blue ribbon or go home with another "nothing ribbon", the green ribbon? I blended the mixture at home following Lion Marcia's Aunt's tried and true recipe. Upon arrival I realized I forgot to bring milk as the recipe says to top off the ice cream churn with additional milk. Well, the mistake seemed to be a winner! We were able to churn our *Leo the Lemon* ice cream in record time. The ice cream had a delicious lemon flavor AND yellow color thus winning us **Best Looking Ice Cream** (our matching yellow shirts did help a bit). Then the judges awarded the ribbons and we won 3rd, a white ribbon! We now have quite a collection of Ice Cream ribbons. I'd like to thank Lions Jenny, Neville, Chris, Ken, John and Tony for another fun and successful ice cream churning event!

Lion Barbara Barry



Upcoming Events:

Fall White Cane Days: October 18-21

Hello, Lions. Our Fall White Cane fundraiser begins Wednesday, October 18 and runs four days through Saturday, October 21. For those of you attending our Club's Charter Night meeting on October 3, I will have the signup sheet and will be happy to add your name. [A copy of the signup sheet is also included in this Lions Tale.](#) Please put your name down for at least one two-hour shift. Anyone may call or text me (301-237-3034) or email me (waynemarr@aol.com) at any time to sign up for a shift. As you know, this fundraiser needs the participation of every able-bodied Damascus Lion. Every two shifts bring us enough funds to provide an eye appointment and new glasses for some needy Damascus-area child or adult. Every month, our Club is helping someone in this way. Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this important fundraiser over the years.

Lion Wayne Marr

Fall 2017 Damascus Lions Club White Cane Days!

Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
Wednesday October 18 Manager: Ken Phillips	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Warren & Joy Schwab
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Mary Frances Gosnell
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Tom Jackson
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Del Mayhew
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Tess Gladhill
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Jack Peters
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Jenny Rediger-Allen
Thursday October 19 Manager: Tom Jackson	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Julie Sain
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Joe Howerton
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Barbara Barry
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Martin Carr
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	
Friday October 20 Manager: Del Mayhew	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Bob Newlin
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Bob Snapp
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Julie Sain
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Neville Levi
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	
Saturday October 21 Manager: Wayne Marr	12:00pm - 2:00pm	Safeway East	
	12:00pm - 2:00pm	Safeway West	Marcia Holpuch
	12:15pm - 2:15pm	CVS	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	
	2:15pm - 4:15pm	CVS	

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Time to Celebrate

October Birthdays:

Barbara Barry	10/4
Ray Molesworth	10/8
Chris Fletcher	10/26
Charlie Stone	10/30

Partners in Service

Angie Howerton (Joe)	10/5
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October Anniversaries:

Peggy & Ray Sicotte	10/3	
Jenny & Dave Redifer-Allen	10/19	16 years
Marcia & Charlie Holpuch	10/25	37 years
Tom & Marie Didone	10/30	

Upcoming Events

October 3 – Charter Night for more information contact Lion Bob Snapp 301-788-6701

October 10 - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

October 17 - Dinner Meeting/ Wesley Grove UM Church

October 18 - 21- White Cane /Various locations around town for more information contact Lion Wayne Marr waynemarr@aol.com

October 21 – Pancake Breakfast/ Damascus UM Church for more information contact Lion Joy Schwab joyschw35@aol.com

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September Board Minutes

Attendees: Lions John Washington, Tom Jackson, Tess Gladhill, Marcia Holpuch, Joe Howerton, Mary Frances Gosnell, Warren Schwab, Joy Schwab, Martin Carr, Del Mayhew

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

Treasurers Report - Lion Del Mayhew - Board reviewed and approved the Treasurer's report, International and District Dues are paid

Foundation Review – Lion Mary Frances- P & L statement reviewed by the board and approved.

Secretaries Report – Joe Howerton- As of meeting date 37 members are current on dues. An effort will be made by the Secretary to contact each member individually. Read thank you card from the Poole family

Committee Reports

Damascus Community Fair

Popcorn - Lion Mary Frances Collected \$140.00 in donations, fair box donations appeared to be light. We ran out of popcorn packets and bags, 2300-2400 bags was a record for the club. Inventory was left over from last year so no additional cost. (Insert hours etc.) Next year will require purchase. Went through about 174 packets of popcorn. 2300 people served at a cost of \$300

17 Lions and 2 Leos Volunteers time and worked 143 hours

5 prospects for membership, collected used eye glasses, \$ 140 received for disaster relief LCIF.

Ice Cream contest – The Lions won 3rd place out of 9 teams along with best dressed award. It was suggested that the contest should be blind tasting rather than judges knowing which team.

October 12th 6:30 Thursday is the fair banquet. Lions are giving 6 awards that night so we should have a presence.

Awards are to be given to new recipients each year. All fair volunteers are welcome to the banquet.

White Cane

Lion Tom Jackson suggested that we hand out list of eye glass drop off locations during white cane. The Board agreed to provide them to Wayne Marr so volunteers have it to hand out.

Old Business

Attempted to contact the doctor from Chad that visited last Christmas as directed last meeting. Contact was unsuccessful.

Health unit at the fair had plenty of help but traffic was slow. Tess Gladhill mentioned that the location of the health unit is a concern.

We will have over \$2,000 to LCIF for disaster relief. A total of \$100,000 has been sent to Houston and additional support will be sent to Florida. Since 1968 LCIF has donated over 13000 grants totaling over \$1 billion. LCIF is in the top 8% of organizations to donate money to. (Lion Joy Schwab)

It has requested by LCIF that we assign an LCIF coordinator. Going forward immediate past Presidents are to serve as LCIF coordinator.

Pancake Breakfast – Lion Joy Schwab expressed concern about the pancake breakfast. Funds are not available to fix the refrigerator and whether the club should continue having the breakfast at DUMC. Discussed moving the breakfast with Wesley Grove and Wesley Grove will allow us to do it there. Church will charge for propane and would expect a donation. Need to clarify dining room capacity and gain familiarity with the kitchen.

Board has decided to review Wesley Grove UMC's facilities before deciding to move. There was also discussion as to whether the Lions Club would help DUMC with equipment funds. It was decided we would wait to see if the church is taking any action to remedy the issue before donating. Tom Jackson and Warren Schwab will check out the kitchen and report back. *Update: It was determined that Wesley Grove could not accommodate the pancake breakfast and that DUMC has repaired the appliances so it will be kept there.*

Prospective Member Night. Three people signed up as potential members at the fair.

No New Business

Other Matters

Open discussion on how to expand community knowledge of the club and how to get membership prospects. King Lion John Washington suggested online advertising through Next Door at Sweepstakes and other community sites. Lion Joe Howerton has relationship with sites like Everything Damascus to expand awareness of the club and events. Deceased lion's memorabilia will be sold at a silent auction at 10/17 meeting.

Meeting Adjourned - Lion Joe Howerton

DAMASCUS LIONS



AUTUMN PANCAKE, SAUSAGE & SCRAMBLED EGG BREAKFAST



Saturday, October 21, 2017

7 am to 11 am

Damascus UM Church, Church Street

Dining Room Lower level

Adults \$ 9.00, Child 4-8 \$ 4.00

Under 4 - Free

For Tickets contact Lion Joy Schwab 301-253-3294

Or Lion Sue Suddath 301-253-3434 or ask any Lion

BAKE/CRAFT TABLE

