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The President's Message



Summer is almost over but we are starting to heat up. I hope all of my fellow Lions enjoyed the summer. It's back to school and back to cool. Thanks go out to Lion Charlie Hertel and his crew for Ice cream Dipping. The weather wasn't great, but is

cleared in the afternoon. Thank you to Lion Mary Frances for heading up the Sight & Hearing Testing and thanks to Lion Tony and his crew for the highway clean up. We had a successful Blood Drive. I gave early and there were a lot of people there. Thank you to Lion Joy for greeting everyone who gave. Don't forget, the Damascus Community Fair is coming up and we need volunteers.

Keep up the great work everyone!

KL John

JULY EVENTS

DAMASCUS PARADE – July 7

As the Lions Centennial Float glided thru the Celebrate Damascus Parade, an estimated of 2000 onlookers waved, cheered and applauded the Lions. This truly was a show of appreciation for the Lions Community Service. The float was a flatbed truck pulling a "club" wagon with owner Lion Roy Stanley at the wheel. Leo the Lion, Erica, was on the flatbed with 9 Damascus High School Leos and their advisor, Mary Ellen Cotton. The wagon was skirted in purple with Lions banners and signs surrounding it. Standing in the wagon was Melvin Jones (Lion Tom Jackson) in his business suit, Helen Keller (Lion Patsy McKenzie), deaf and blind, in her best bib an tucker of the 50's and Anne Sullivan (Lion Chris Fletcher), teacher and friend of Helen's, in her 40's attire. All three were recognized with signage. Members and partners-in-service sat surrounding the icons waving and speaking to the onlookers were Lions Jennie Ampiah Addison, Charlie and Tammy Hertel,

Joe Howerton, Martin Carr, John Washington, Mary Frances Gosnell and Partners-in-service, Debbie McKenzie and Sharon Stull.

While waiting to start down the parade route, an Indian lady approached Lion Jennie saying she was a Lion! She had just returned from the International Lions Convention in Chicago. Oh to have had her ride with us!!

I must admit, we did not give out any freebies/candy to the people along the parade route. We presented a friendly, "we are here for you" profile and received much appreciation thru applause, thumbs up and waves of acknowledgement. Nope – no candy and the consensus of the participants was we didn't need it! Thanks to all who helped decorate, who rode the route and who gave us encouragement along the way. Celebrate Damascus! We Serve!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell



AUGUST EVENTS

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR

ICE CREAM DIPPING - Aug 15

We had only 2 clean up days at the Dairy Barn on Saturday's prior to opening. Lion Tammy along with some other Lions and Leos did some redecorating of the back wall behind the dipping freezers. We removed the old cow pattern cardboard and put up a farm mural. I was not able to be there this year to stock the freezers so Lion Tammy and Lion Joe were there to coordinate the stocking and the labeling of all the ice cream and ready the dairy barn for Friday's opening. Thank You to all who helped get the ice cream in the freezers and who cleaned up on the work days. On Tuesday August 15th it was senior day and it was pouring down rain all morning. I believe over the past 10 years it has rained 9 of those years. We spent most of the morning mopping and trying to keep the new floor dry so no one would fall. Our Damascus Lions that came to help really stepped up and did a

great job. I can't thank them enough for making it all work out. The Leo's clubs and partners in service did awesome. Everyone did an outstanding job. We had 13 Lions, 40 volunteers, who worked over 300 hours. There are a few other people I would like to thank for making the Dairy Barn run successfully: Lion Bill Lynch from Laytonsville, the Lion coordinator for the Dairy Barn for 2017 again; Lions Doug and Gerda from Laytonsville; The cashiers were awesome, Lion Christine, Lion Mary Francis, Lion Barbara, Lion Patricia, Lion Dale, and Lion Tessie for working the cash registers; Lion Warren for helping me ready the Parlor on the Saturday before the fair. Along with Lion Bob, Lion Ray, Lion Joe, Lion Tony for all their hard work behind the freezers. Lion Bob Snapp was loading ice cream like he did 20 years ago. I also would like to thank Debbie Watkins from our church, Mt. View for coming in and working the cash register all day. We also had partners in service Rick and Tammy Monarch from Wesley Grove UM Church come in and work the entire evening shift dipping ice cream and staying to close with the Stone's. The Barry's daughter Elizabeth for working the cash register. My parents Ray and Virginia for their tireless energy. Mom at the register and dad cleaning up and keeping the Dairy Barn looking so nice. I would like to thank my daughter Candice for being there to do whatever was needed. I could not do this without my wife, Tammy. She organizes the whole day with emails and phone calls. She then trains all the youth and Leos as they come in, handles all the passes and community service hour questions. She helps with all the little issues that come up during the day and always has a smile on her face. I love you. As the day is getting towards the end. We are all so tired. So that is why we have Lion Charlie and Lion Carol Stone come in around 8 pm to help close down. What a great asset. Tammy and I were able to leave around midnight and leave the final closing to the Stone's. I would like to personally thank all the Lions that came out and helped.

If I didn't mentioned your name we still appreciated all your help. We don't have any exact numbers or know our profit yet but we do know that the Dairy Barn brought in close to 80 K. I will update you in the future when the numbers become available.

Thank you to all who participated and making this an absolutely fun day. PS. Lion Martin Carr you were missed helping me in the morning getting the Ice Cream Parlor ready for the day:)

Thank You

Lion Charlie Hertel

MOBILE HEALTH UNIT -Aug 17

Our club manned the Mobile Health Unit on Thursday of the fair. We had 15 clients doing 32 different screenings. The unit has vision screening, hearing screening, eye pressure reading and preschool vision screening capabilities. Several of our clients were referred and encouraged to see a professional as they did not meet the requirements as set forth in our screening information.

Lions John Washington and Ray Molesworth worked the first shift, followed by Lions Chris Fletcher and Bob Newlin. Lions Del Mayhew and Mary Frances Gosnell did the last shift and closed up the unit. We worked a total of 25 hours and some of our Lions walked over a mile to get from the parking lot to the unit!!

This mobile health unit is owned by our District thru the Lions Community Outreach Foundation. It can be used at community functions. Should you know of a function in our area where we can share this information and be of service, contact Lion Del or Lion Mary Frances.

Lions Community Outreach Foundation (LCOF) processes the used eye glasses that we collect, cleans and calibrates them before sending off to Third World Countries. LCOF also collects used hearing aids for the University of Maryland Hearing and Speech Clinic. Our club gets credit for all the eye glasses and hearing aids that we collect.

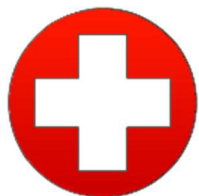
Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

BLOOD DRIVE – Aug 24

We had a blood drive at DUMC on Thursday August 24th. We collected 42 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.

Lion Joy worked in the canteen serving donors snacks and beverages. 42 is our highest blood collection number from this drive since we have had the blood drives here at DUMC since 2010. Our next drive at DUMC is scheduled for Thursday November 9th, 2017.



Thank you to our Lion Joy who supported this drive.
Lion Charlie Hertel

Upcoming Events:

72nd ANNUAL DAMASCUS COMM FAIR- SEPTEMBER 8 - 10

Mark your calendars for the Damascus Community Fair - The fair is celebrating its 72nd Anniversary, a tradition of agricultural heritage for young and old in the Damascus Community. A fair with an exhibit hall full of exhibits from foods, flowers, photography, art, handicraft to woodworking; barns of animals, poultry and grains: educational displays, entertainment and good food - all with no admission nor parking fees!!! Damascus Lions has offered free popcorn to the fair attendees for past 17 years, handing out approximately 2000 bags each year. We serve students on Friday morning as the schools bus them in to tour the fair. In the afternoon day care, young and old, visit the fair. Friday night, the public embark upon the fair grounds for the various activities; one being the Ice Cream Making Contest which the Lions are competing with a team and live entertainment. Saturday dawns with a Fun Run for kids and then animal shows and entertainment along with good food from the fire department members. In the evening is the Cake and Animal Auction which proves to be very profitable as well as interesting. Sunday brings forth more animal shows, the Grandparents Program and closing of the fair. A huge tent on the grounds houses vendors sharing their wares or introducing you to their services. All in All, there is something for everyone and beyond that - It Is All Free!!!

Lion Tess Gladhill needs help with the entries on Thursday evening from 4 to 9 PM.

The Popcorn Booth needs Lions to help with the popcorn, packaging it and greeting the fair goers with the handout from Friday morning until Sunday afternoon.

The Membership Committee needs your help in spreading the word about Lionism and our club.

The Ice Cream Team can always use churners as well as some cheerleaders!

A sign-up sheet with hours that help is needed is included in this Lions Tale and will be available at the Sept. 5 dinner meeting for all of you to tell us when you can lend a hand. Two and three hour shifts and you have served! Should you not be in attendance at the Sept. 5 meeting, please email me with your time slot to help with the booth.

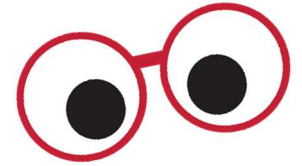
See you at the 72nd Damascus Community Fair!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Sight Conservation Committee Activities of the Past Year

The Damascus Lions Club expended \$1,088 for vision appointments and eyewear for eleven Damascus and Clarksburg individuals over the twelve months of July 2017 through June 2018. When an individual has a prescription and is asking for help in obtaining glasses, we refer the individual to Eyeballs in the Damascus Weiss shopping center. When an individual needs a vision exam and eyewear, we refer the individual to Mt. Airy Eye Care in Mt. Airy. Referrals come from county social services organizations, the Damascus Senior Center, school health staff, the vision providers and, sometimes, directly from the individual needing services. This is a very fine offering of our Club to the financially-needy residents of Damascus and Clarksburg. We can be proud of our sight conservation service to our community.

Lion Wayne Marr



A Message from our 3rd Vice President

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU FROM THE THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

I haven't kept in contact or reported on the activities under the Third Vice-President umbrella during my year so I would like to take the time to report some highlights and to thank all committee chairmen for the excellent job handling our long-standing annual fundraising activities: 50-50, Flea Market, Holiday Giving Fund, Ice Cream Dipping, Pancake Breakfasts, Mints, White Cane, Golf Tournament, In-House Auction. All events proceeded smoothly and were well-staffed, as usual. Seeing all our events listed here says to me that we sure are a busy group! Every Lion that participated should be proud of what we do to serve our community. In addition to our regular fund-raising activities, I organized a Chipotle fundraiser and again would like to thank all the Lions that participated in and promoted this event. We raised almost \$250.00 with little effort.

The Ledo's fundraiser netted us about \$91.00; not a lot of money but I think everyone enjoyed themselves and we raised a few dollars to add to the Foundation bank account. I would like to thank everyone who attended or promoted this activity also.

I have also received Board approval for advertising and/or personal ads for our Newsletter. I will prepare a flyer and submittal form for Lion's who would like to advertise to our members or broadcast a message in the Newsletter. This will be a fundraiser for the Lion's Club internal monies not the Foundation.

I am working on another large fundraiser and hope to have something to report in the coming months (after our summer activities are behind us) and hope that you will support another event.

Lastly, I collected \$2,000.00 from personal contacts specifically earmarked for the Scholarship Fund. I would like to thank my supporters for their generous donations and I will continue to privately solicit funds for this very worthy cause.

I have one more thank you to impart, this one from the bottom of my heart. I would like to thank the Committee that named me "Lion of the Year" at our last Charter Night celebration. I am honored and humbled to be named to receive such a prestigious honor and hope that I have come close to fulfilling the shoes of the amazing recipients that have come before me. It was a surprise and a delight to be named! Farewell and on to the duties of the Second Vice-President,

Lion Patricia A. McKenzie

Time to Celebrate

September Birthdays:

Carol Stone	9/1
Suresh Malhotra	9/10
Roy Stanley	9/19
Anthony Allen	9/30

Partners in Service

Dave Allen (Jenny)	9/13
Melissa Washington (John)	9/14
Kathy Thornett (Mike)	9/17

September Anniversaries:

Tony & Barbara Barry	9/5	30 years
Del & Bonnie Mayhew	9/8	55 years
Joe & Angie Howerton	9/13	11 years
John & Melissa Washington	9/20	37 years
Katie & John Holbuch	9/28	4 years

Upcoming Events

September 5- Dinner Meeting/ Wesley Grove UM Church

September 8- 10 Damascus Community Fair
Popcorn for more information contact Lion Mary Frances Gosnell
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September 12 - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

September 19- Dinner Meeting/ Wesley Grove UM Church/ prospective member night

August Board Minutes

Attendees: Lions Tess Gladhill, Patricia McKenzie, John Washington, Chris Fletcher, Del Mayhew, Marcia Holpuch,
Mary Frances Gosnell, Joy Schwab, Warren Schwab, Joe Howerton

Called Meeting to order 6:55pm

July Board meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Treasurer's Reports

Del Mayhew distributed the Club Profit & Loss Statement. Report was approved as presented.

Mary Frances Gosnell distributed the Foundation Profit & Loss Statement. Report was approved as presented.

A motion was made to pay for 5th attendee to the upcoming chapter advisory meeting, motion was approved.

Secretary's Report

Joe Howerton provided a status of dues received and presented a letter from a scholarship recipient thanking the club.

Other Matters

John Washington received a letter from Vice Dist. Gov. Andrea Cumberland who sent a fundraiser for a Brandywine Lions Den on Sunday Sept 17, 2017

Mary Frances explained the fundraiser to the board and suggested the club purchase the tickets. Motion for the club to purchase two tickets (4 people) was approved and we'll invite any members to attend during the September meeting.

Committee Reports

Tess Gladhill – Tess will be at the fair representing Gladhill Brothers, the community fair will be discussed at the September meeting.

Del Mayhew – Del attended the LCOF council meeting. There was a discussion by the medical director regarding the vision testing. It was noted that the club has been referring to Glaucoma when we are testing for high interocular eye pressure. Only a physician can make that diagnosis so any mention of Glaucoma should be removed going forward in club materials.

1335 glasses and 3 hearing aid so requirement is already satisfied.

Old Business

Dylan Ramirez (working on his Eagle project) wants to reorganize our medical closet. He would then like to have Lions meet as he sorts and takes items to the Brethren Center.

There has been several motorized scooters that end up in disrepair.

Cinderblock building is causing concerns with potential mold due to moisture. We should attempt to find a new space for the medical closet.

Mary Frances Gosnell noted that will be needing lots of help with popcorn at the Damascus Fair.

Group Photo should be taken at the September 5th meeting.

Patricia McKenzie noted that we do not have a chairperson for the Montgomery County Fair Health Unit. Chris Fletcher volunteered to be chairperson for the NBC4 health expo. (March 10-11)

New Business

None reported

Other Matters

In November 2016 we had a doctor from Chad visit (she was a Lion). It was suggested that we should consider a sister club and if so would this qualify for LCI credit for centennial?

Lion Tammy sent an email about a man requesting Lions to pay for prescriptions. The request was denied. The board finds that this type of assistance would result in overwhelming demand and cost.

Email received from Lion Rick Kendall and he informed Mary Frances that his partner Janet has pancreatic cancer. Send email to club but remove Rick from mailing.

Adjourned 8:13PM

Respectfully Submitted Secretary Lion Joe Howerton

**DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR
POPCORN SIGNUP SHEET
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017**

8 AM – 11 AM 3 Lions

4 PM – 6:30 PM - 3 Lions

6:30 PM – 9 PM 3 Lions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

11 AM

– 2 PM – 3 Lions

2 PM – 5 PM – 3 Lions

5 PM – 8 PM 3 Lions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

11:30

AM – 1:30 PM – 3 Lion

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM - 3 Lions

Ideally, need 3 people per shift

Sign- up to take Entries Thursday, Sept. 7

4 pm – 6 pm

6 pm – 8 pm
