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The President's Message



We made it through January! On Feb 8th we will be celebrating the Clarksburg Leo's Club Charter Night thanks to Lion Barbara's hard work. Let's see how many Lions

we can have in attendance. This is a very big deal for us. Leo's are our future. Speaking of the future, do I smell pancakes and sausage? More on that from Lion Mary Frances. Here's hoping the Ground Hog will see his shadow! I'm seeing my shadow.

Your KL John

JANUARY EVENTS

Blood Drives 2018

We had a blood drive at DUMC on Thursday January 25th, 2018.

We collected 43 units of blood with the American Red Cross. This is our highest blood collection number since we started here at DMUC in 2010. 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. This brings our yearly total to 157 units for this year.

Thank you to any of our Lions who supported this drive and/or gave blood :)

I also want to thank Lion Joy and Lion Warren for helping out at the drive as well. Warren runs fliers and Joy works in the canteen for several hours. Our next blood drive is on Thursday May 17th, 2018. See you there!!

Thanks!!! Lion Charlie Hertel

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 96TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Multiple District 22 convention will be held May 7 – 10, 2018 in Ocean City, MD. All the events will be held at the Princess Royale - Lodging for Lions is available at www.princessroyale.com and go to Groups using group number 4002 for the Lions room rates. The hotel will fill quickly, so make your reservation now. The Convention Theme this year will be "The Power of We-Action-Service - The Future Is Now". The convention begins with a Golf Tournament on Monday May 7 at the Bay Club (West) Golf Course. For those who do not wish to join the golf tournament, miniature golf competition is available. Continues with District and Sub District meetings and informative seminars. Good ways to communicate with other Lions and steal ideas for the betterment of our club. Lion Mary Frances has the convention information and reservation forms. Give attending the convention some thought as there will be plenty of time to enjoy the beach and ocean.

DAMASCUS LIONS SCHOLARSHIP OFFERINGS

The Damascus Lions Foundation is again offering the Vernon R. Simpson Scholarship to graduating seniors residing in the Damascus/Clarksburg School Cluster. The applicant may not be a dependent of a member of the Damascus Lions. The applications are evaluated on community service, leadership potential in high school and non-school activities, character, volunteerism and work experience. The club has budgeted for 3 \$1500 scholarship to be awarded at Youth Night, May 1. The applications are due April 6. The Damascus Lions Unique Achievement Scholarship is also being offered this year. Three scholarships of \$1000 each have been approved. The scholarship is geared toward the applicant who actively demonstrated an attempt to overcome a unique challenge during their high school years and who will

attend a junior college or a technical/vocational school after high school. The scholarship will cover the expenses of books and/or necessary equipment required to continue their education. The student must reside in the Damascus/Clarksburg School Cluster. The applications are due April 6 and will be awarded at Youth Night, May 2. Applications are available on the Damascus Lions Web site or from Lion Mary Frances Gosnell.

2018-2019 SLATE OF OFFICERS

SLATE OF OFFICERS 2018-2019 NOMINATIONS

President	Chris Fletcher
1st Vice President	Patricia McKenzie
2nd Vice President	Carol Stone
3rd Vice President	Wayne Marr
Secretary	Marcia Holpuch
Assistant Secretary	Sue Suddath
Club Treasurer	Del Mayhew
Foundation Treasurer	Mary Frances Gosnell
Tail Twister	Charlie Holpuch
Assistant Tail Twister	Tony Barry
Lion Tamer	Martin Carr
Assistant Lion Tamer	Warren Schwab
Chaplain	George Hibbard
1 Year Directors	Barbara Barry
	Tammy Hertel
	Tom Jackson
2 year Directors	Tess Gladhill
	Joe Howerton
	Joy Schwab
Membership Committee	
1 Year	Julie Sain
2 year	Jenny Redifer-Allen
3 year	John Washington
IPPresident	John Washington

Submitted by Joy Schwab IPP

**Nominations will be accepted from the floor
at the Feb 20 meeting with a vote at
the March 20 meeting.**

Read this nice letter from Faith Connections about Holiday Baskets!



January 2018

Hello Holiday Giving Sponsors,

As we make our way through the winter months, I wanted to share the results of the greater Damascus-Clarksburg community Holiday Giving Project. Through support from many churches, businesses, organizations and individuals, food and gifts were provided to 275 families. Nearly 100 families received support for Thanksgiving and 275 were served for Christmas.

The Holiday Giving Project has given our community the opportunity to reach out to neighbors in need, to build a strong caring community, and shows how each one of us can make a difference in someone's life. One sponsor shared her story and I wanted to share it with you.

The sponsor adopted a small family of a single mother and two young girls who recently moved to the area and knew very few people. "They are renting the basement of a home, and are struggling to make ends meet. The mother asked for clothing for her growing daughters, which we were glad to provide. When we delivered the gifts, the youngest girl, *Andrea*, met us in the driveway smiling and filled with anticipation. They invited us in and showed us around their home. *Andrea* led us to her room to show us her toys and to tell us that she really loves pink! She was excited to have guests in their home and to share her things with us. We were grateful to see and experience the joy of a young child at Christmas. As we left, the mother had tears in her eyes, and the girls both gave us a hug. What a blessing for us to meet them and to help them, even in this small way."

Thank you again for being a sponsor and providing not only gifts and food, but also your time and care for our neighbors. I encourage you to continue to reach out to your adopted families periodically throughout the year with a card or note to let them know you are thinking about them. Often times, feelings of hopelessness and loneliness occur during our winter months, especially for those who are also facing difficult economic times. Thank you for all you do to strengthen our community.

Jill Ochs
Holiday Giving Project Coordinator
Faith Connections Inc.

Some Super Bowl Fun Facts

- 8 million pounds of guacamole is consumed on Super Bowl Sunday
- 14,500 tons of chips are eaten along with that guacamole
- Of the top 10 most watched American television programs of all time, nine of them are Super Bowls
- The Super Bowl is measured in Roman numerals because a football season runs over two calendar years
- Over 700,000 footballs are produced annually for official **NFL** use and 72 of them are used for the Super Bowl
- It is the 2nd most watched sporting event in the world. More than 100 million people worldwide watch the Super Bowl every year. In fact, Super Bowl XLIV in 2010 unseated **M*A*S*H's series finale** as the most watched show in television history with over 106.5 million watchers.
- The average cost of a 30-second commercial during the Super Bowl has ranged from \$37,500 at Super Bowl I, to around \$2.2 million at Super Bowl XXXIV in 2000, and by Super Bowl XLIX in 2015, had doubled to around \$4.5 million.
- In 2017 a 30-second commercial reportedly cost between \$5 million and \$5.5 million.
- The **NFL** has a policy against holding Super Bowl games in stadiums that have a climate of less than 50 degrees Fahrenheit, unless it is an enclosed stadium
- Super Bowl LI (50) - Atlanta Falcons vs. the New England Patriots was the most-watched sporting event in the U.S. history.
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DAMASCUS LIONS CLUB



ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE January through June 2018

Dinner and Program Meetings 6:45 PM Wesley Grove U. M. Church
 1st and 3rd Tuesday (Unless otherwise noted)
 Board Meetings 2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM Gladhill Bros. Ridge Road

JANUARY		
2	Dinner Meeting	Wesley Grove UM Church
9	Board Meeting	Gladhill Bros
16	Dinner Meeting	Wesley Grove UM Church
25	Blood Drive	Damascus UM Church
FEBRUARY		
6	Dinner Meeting	Wesley Grove UM Church
8	Clarksburg Leo Club Charter Night	Clarksburg High School
13	Board Meeting	Gladhill Bros.
20	Dinner Meeting	Wesley Grove UM Church
MARCH		
6	Dinner Meeting - Prospective Member Night	Wesley Grove UM Church
10 - 11	NBC 4 Health & Fitness Expo	Washington Convention Center
13	Board Meeting	Gladhill Bros
20	Dinner Meeting - In-House Auction	Wesley Grove UM Church
APRIL		
3	Dinner Meeting	Wesley Grove UM Church
10	Board Meeting	Gladhill Bros.
17	Dinner Meeting	Wesley Grove UM Church
21	22C Night	Comfort Inn, Bowie
25-29	White Cane	Various Town Locations
MAY		
1	Youth Night	Location TBD
5	Lions/Old Line Bank Shredfest	Damascus UM Church
8	Board Meeting	Gladhill Bros.
7 - 10	Multiple District Convention	Ocean City
15	Dinner Meeting	Wesley Grove UM Church
17	Blood Drive	Damascus UM Church
JUNE		
4	Golf Tournament	Glade Valley Golf Course
5	Family Picnic	TBD
12	Board Meeting	Gladhill Bros.
19	Installation Night	TBD

Upcoming Events

February 6 - Dinner Meeting/ Wesley Grove UM Church

February 13 - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

February 20 - Dinner Meeting/ Wesley Grove UM Church

The Damascus Lions web site has been down for several months. It was hacked in November and Web Master Cindee Wolford pulled it down. Lion Cindee has revamped the web site and still has a bit more work to do to get it current, but it is up and running. So check it out, it looks excellent! Our web site is known as being the tops throughout the District. Remember to email Lion Cindee the information on your up and coming events.

Time to Celebrate

February Birthdays:

Julie Sain	2/6
Ray Sicotte	2/21
Jolly Somaiya	2/24

Partners in Service

None

February Anniversaries:

Roy & Kathy Stanley	2/15	48 years
Mike & Kathy Thornett	2/17	45 years



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January Board Minutes

Attendees: Lions John Washington, Patricia, Marcia Holpuch, Joy Schwab, Warren Schwab, Joe Howerton, Martin Carr, Mary Frances Gosnell, Del Mayhew, Tess Gladhill, Jenny Redifer-Allen, Barbara Barry

Meeting Called to order 7:00PM, January 9

Prior meeting minutes approved

Treasurers Report

Del Mayhew distributed and reviewed the Treasurer's report with the board.

Mary Frances Reviewed the Foundation P&L. It was reported that we are having difficulty getting accurate information for the student loans from Old Line Bank. There seems to be a misunderstanding with the new staff.

Secretary's Report

Joe Howerton presented two appreciation letters one from Thor Teams and MacKenzie Vasquez.

Secretary sought clarification from the board on what amount the membership invoices should be for meals. It was determined that 12 @ 17.00 \$204.00 \$264.00 total with membership was the correct amount. Invoices would be sent out as soon as possible.

Some corrections and additions were suggested for the new event calendar. Joe Howerton will update and distribute to club members.

Committee Reports

Vision Committee- Joe Howerton reviewed the vision committee report provided by Wayne Marr.

Shred Fest 2018 – We secured a sponsorship from Old Line Bank. If church isn't available then consider bank lot. See if county is scheduling one. (Update – Church is available, nothing yet scheduled by the county)

Barbara Barry informed the board that February 8th is charter night for Leo Club and is tentatively scheduled for 6pm. Board discussed who would fund supplies for the event. Cake, placemats, napkins, tablecloths. There was discussion around the pins and banner expenses already paid. Motion was made and approved to increase the budget by \$250.00 to cover expenses for the charter night.

Old Business

Holiday Baskets is winding down. Tradesman will be attending the next meeting. Mary Frances will be bringing Tess lunch for her and her staff for Gladhill's involvement. Donations are a little lower than last year.

New Business

The nominating committee needs to get to work to be prepared for March. Barbara Barry volunteered to assist Joy Schwab. Slate needs to be presented at the first dinner meeting in March.

The Committee for Damascus Days has asked about our pancake breakfast. Tess will inform them that there will not be a breakfast. The club still plans to be involved with the flea market. Open discussion for alternative fundraisers. Tess discussed a daily lottery calendar game that has been successful with other clubs. Patricia would like to schedule a meeting for big money bingo.

Lions will be participating in the parade. Motion to adjourn 8:04PM