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## The President's Message



March came in like a Lion and will go out like a lion. Thank you to Lion Tony and his crew for braving the weather and cleaning up the highway. I'm sure it was a breeze! We have a lot going on this month with our Prospective Member Night, NBC 4 Health & Fitness Expo, Pancake Breakfast and In House-Auction. We need volunteers. We also need ]Pancake tickets to be sold. This is what we do best. Keep up the good work! Please make sure to pay your dues if you have not done so already.

Yours in Lionism,  
KL John

## 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
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	Jenny Redifer-Allen
	Tom Jackson
2 year Directors	Tess Gladhill
	Joe Howerton
	Joy Schwab
Membership Committee	
1 Year	Julie Sain
2 year	Tammy Hertel
3 year	John Washington
IPPresident	John Washington

Submitted by Joy Schwab IPP  
Nominated at February 20, 2018 membership meeting

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

### Clarksburg High School Leo Charter Celebration – February 8

As soon as school started this fall, the students at Clarksburg High School got a new advisor, Kimberly Moore. She immediately got to work handing out Leo Charter applications and in no time the Clarksburg Leo Club was chartered. On February 8, 2018 we had the official Charter Night Celebration. DG Carl Vettel, AA Ronnie Cervenka and 5 members from the Damascus Lions Club joined Mrs. Moore and 19 students. The evening went very well with DG Carl inducting the officers and Zone Chair Barbara Barry and Kim Moore installing the members. The charter was signed by all and every one received a Leo lapel pin. In recent years these students have raised thousands of dollars for Camp Merrick. We all hope they continue having great success, especially now that they are an official Leo Club!

Lion Barbara Barry



## SPRING PANCAKE BREAKFAST- March 17

Mark your calendars for SATURDAY, MARCH 17 for our Spring Pancake Breakfast at Damascus U M Church dining room from 7 am to 11 am.

As Lions we need promote the breakfast to the community – **Talk About It!** Damascus Lions has had a Pancake Breakfast since in the early 1950's. **Sell tickets for it!** Tickets will be available at the Lions Meeting so that you can sell them to you neighbors or give to your family and friends. - \$ 9.00 Adults, \$ 4.00 children. Tickets are also available at the door the day of the breakfast. **Sign Up to Help!** We need help on Friday afternoon to set up the dining room and to prepare the home fries. We need help Saturday in two shifts – 5:30 am to 9 and 9 am to 11:30. Lots of different jobs to be done and we even do on-on-the-job training – no experience necessary. Cooks, dishwashers, salesman, waiters, manning the beverage bar, keeping the steam table filled – you name it, we can find a job for you. We will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

Should you not be at the March 6 meeting and would like to offer your assistance – email [mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com](mailto:mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com) or call Mary Frances 301-829-1002

So that you can be sure to mark your calendars to reserve the date for Future Breakfasts – the dates are July 14 and October 27. We need all Lions on board for a successful on-going Lions Traditional Pancake Breakfast! See you on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Frances Gosnell

### Very Funny...

*I'm fine*

*A farmer named Paddy had a car accident. He was hit by a truck owned by the Eversweet Company.. In court, the Eversweet Company's hot-shot solicitor was questioning Paddy.*

*'Didn't you say to the police at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine?'' asked the solicitor.*

*Paddy responded: 'Well, I'll tell you what happened. I'd just loaded my fav'rit cow, Bessie, into da... '*

*'I didn't ask for any details', the solicitor interrupted. 'Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!''?*

*Paddy said, 'Well, I'd just got Bessie into da trailer and I was drivin' down da road..... '*

*The solicitor interrupted again and said, 'Your Honour, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the police on the scene that he was fine. Now several weeks after the accident, he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question. '*

*By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Paddy's answer and said to the solicitor: 'I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favourite cow, Bessie'.*

*Paddy thanked the Judge and proceeded. 'Well as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my fav'rit cow, into de trailer and was drivin' her down de road when this huge Eversweet truck and trailer came tundering tru a stop sign and hit me trailer right in da side. I was trown into one ditch and Bessie was trown into da udder.. By Jaysus I was hurt, very bad like, and didn't want to move. However, I could hear old Bessie moanin' and groanin'. I knew she was in terrible pain just by her groans.*

*Shortly after da accident, a policeman on a motorbike turned up. He could hear Bessie moanin' and groanin' too, so he went over to her.. After he looked at her, and saw her condition, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes.*

*Den da policeman came across de road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, 'How are you feelin''?*

*'Now wot da hell would you say?*

Submitted by Lion Marcia Holpuch

## READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY- March 1

Lions Mike Thornett, Sue Suddath and Mary Frances Gosnell participated in the Read Across America Day at the Cedar Grove Elementary School on Thursday, March 1. Lion Mike read to Kindergarten, Lion Sue to Second Grade and Lion Mary Frances to First Grade. Reading Specialist Diane Gordon planned a great day for guest readers, volunteers and the students. The students were excited to have guests in their classroom and asked a lot of great questions. They listened attentively to the stories and discussed these books with enthusiasm. It was very rewarding to participate and interact with the children. Reading Specialist, Diane is looking forward to attending the Lions Youth Recognition Night in May when her students will tell the Lions about the books that the Lions purchased for their reading class.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

### Time to Celebrate

#### March Birthdays:

Bobbie Warfield	3/1
George Hibbard	3/10
Jenny Redifer-Allen	3/19
Jack Peters	3/28
John Holpuch	3/29

#### Partners in Service

None

#### March Anniversaries:

Tom & Jonnie Jackson	3/14 56 yrs
Jack & Fran Peters	3/30 51 yrs

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### Upcoming Events

**March 6** - Dinner Meeting/ Wesley Grove UM Church

**March 10 & 11**- NBC Health & Fitness Expo  
Washington Convention Center

**March 13** - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

**March 20** – Dinner Meeting/ Wesley Grove UM Church/ Lions In house Auction

# Damascus Lions Club

## Board Meeting Minutes February 2018

Attendees: Lions Barbara Barry, John Washington, Del Mayhew, Mary Frances Gosnell, Sue Saddath, Tom Jackson, Patricia McKensie, Warren Schwab, Joy Schwab, Joe Howerton

Meeting called to order 7:00PM

Joe Howerton to revise January board minutes to include Clarksburg on mention of Leo Club Charter Night. Minutes approved with revisions.

### **Treasurers Report**

Del Mayhew distributed and reviewed the Treasurer's report and bank statement reconciliation. Approved with no changes.

Mary Frances Gosnell distributed and reviewed the Club Foundation's Profit & Loss and Bank Statement. Barbara Barry noted a transposition on the reconciliation summary, Mary Frances to correct. Approved as amended.

### **Secretary's Report**

Joe Howerton reviewed correspondence and updated the board on status of dues received and outstanding. Marcia Holpuch, Mary Frances and Barbara Barry are to attend the Advisory/Cabinet meeting. The club pays for attendees. Joe Howerton to RSVP.

### **Committee Reports**

Sign Committee - Tom Jackson reported that we got everything asked for except pancake breakfast. Tom is now president of the Damascus Sign committee.

Shred It Committee – Truck fell through, working on an alternative recommended by DMS (Update: Alternative truck reserved from clean cut shredding and confirmed with Old Line Bank)

### **Old Business**

Warren Schwab Lions Club mints locations are declining, and we are not making money with the program. Board agreed we will not order again going forward.

### **New Business**

Pancake Breakfast is on again for March 17th

Mary Frances asked the board if we were willing to support scouts cost. \$224.00 requested to support scouts.

Board approved expense to be paid from community service funds.

### **Meeting adjourned 8pm**