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The President's Message



Hey, hey it's the first of May!
Tonight we celebrate Youth
Night. We expect to have a great
crowd and program. I want to
congratulate our award winners
that were honored at 22-C Night.
Lion Sue Suddath, Lion Mary
Frances and Lion Barbara Barry.

Lion Marcia's article goes into more detail. But what a great group of people to work with. You all deserve a big round of applause! Thanks goes out to Lion Wayne Marr and all who helped out at White Cane. I had an elderly gentleman who stopped by and told me his story of how the Lions helped him when he was 5 years old and lost sight in his right eye. We do great work. We should be proud of what we do. I am and will always be proud of all of you.

KL John

APRIL EVENTS

WHITE CANE DAYS

Damascus Lions: Congratulations! We raised \$1,869.93 last month during our Spring White Cane fundraiser. Twenty-five dedicated Damascus Lions performed storefront collections over twenty-nine two-hour shifts. We averaged \$64.48 per shift; not a record, but on the high side. Absolutely every shift was important to our total collections. Please visualize the word "Lion" in front of each name.

As always, special thanks go to our White Cane committee members who served as Managers of the Day: Del Mayhew and Tom Jackson. And thanks also go to our money counters, Del & Bonnie Mayhew and Bobbie Warfield.

Special Recognitions:

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

- Warren and Joy Schwab, who collected \$158.37 at Safeway on Friday afternoon;
- Martin Carr, who collected \$128.93 at Safeway on Wednesday afternoon;
- Barbara Barry, who collected \$119.86 at Safeway on Thursday afternoon;
- Mary Frances Gosnell, who collected \$100.07 at Safeway on Wednesday afternoon.

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

- Vahe Aghamalian, who performed White Cane duty for the first time ever!

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): Aghamalian, B. Barry, Carr, Fletcher(3!), Gladhill, Gosnell, C. Hertel(2!), T Hertel, Hibbard(2!), Howerton, Jackson, Marr, Mayhew, Molesworth, Newlin, Peters, Redifer-Allen(2), Ryan, Sain, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Snapp, Suddath(2!), Thornett, Warfield, Washington. Thank you, one and all.

Lion Wayne Marr

22C NIGHT- APRIL 21

A Roaring Success for Damascus!

We had a delightful group of Lions attend the 73rd annual 22-C Social at the Comfort Inn & Conference Center in Bowie on Saturday, April 21st. The following delegation represented the Damascus Club: Lions Mary Frances Gosnell, Sue Suddath, Chris Fletcher, Jenny Redifer-Allen, Barbara Barry,

Tony Barry, Martin Carr, Marcia Holpuch and our newest member, Vahe Aghamalian. Lion Sue was our club Unsung Hero and her photo and smiling face was included in the video loop of heroes that ran through the beginning of the evening.

The program began with entertainment by the District 22-C Honor Band and the awarding of scholarships. We had a scholarship winner from Damascus this year. Sarah Bowers, an oboe player, won \$750. There were 5 scholarships presented this year with a total value of \$7,500.



The Humanitarian Award Recipient was Heroes, Inc. They are an organization dedicated to assisting the families of police, fire and first responders, beginning within 24 hours and continuing indefinitely following a loss of life in the line of duty.

The keynote speaker was Past International Director Robert Littlefield of Moorehead, MN. He was a captivating speaker, reminding us that “We haven’t come this far to come this far”, meaning that while the Lions have done great work, there is still much to be done.

New at the meeting this year was the presentation of District 22-C awards and recognitions. This has been done at the MD-22 convention in years past, but the District Governor chose to move those presentations to the Social where there are more members from the district in attendance. The first awards presented were the Honor Roll

awards. This year, there were ten nominations and 5 awards presented. One of the honorees this year was our very own Lion Mary Frances Gosnell. The award consists of a certificate - Lions just love to give out certificates, the Honor Roll pin and a small aqua acrylic square with the winners name and the honor roll emblem etched in it. Previous Honor Roll recipients from Damascus include Emerson Slacum (1993), Bob Newlin (2004), Buck Gladhill (2005) and Marcia Holpuch (2017).

No sooner did she get back to her seat than was she called up to the front of the room again as the first Lion to be awarded the new Distinguished Service Award. She was clearly surprised. This award is the highest recognition given at the District level. It was formerly known as the Bull Thrower's Award.



The new criteria for winning this award provides for a better opportunity to recognize outstanding service without governorship. We are honored to have her as a member and her name will forever be first on the historical plaque of honorees. Her award is a beautiful cut leaded crystal award etched with her name and recognition, a pin, and a certificate. We have only had one previous honoree, PDG J. Leonard Mullinix in 1975 when it was still known as the Bull Thrower's Award.

Only one more set of awards was left to be distributed. These were the three International President's Certificates of Appreciation that were brought by PID Robert Littlefield on behalf of International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal. We patiently listened to DG Carl start to read the reasons the person was selected for recognition, including the usual, Lion since..., loves to dip ice cream..., club president..., Leo advisor..., Zone Chair..., there's so many people in the district that fit those labels. Then he hit on a very unique item, a Centennial initiative to provide 100 pairs of eyeglasses for children and BINGO! As soon as it came out of his mouth, she knew he was talking about her - our very own Past President Barbara Barry was selected for this International recognition! Her award was a certificate and a pin from the International President. This is a big deal!!

Congratulations to our deserving honorees. They are a true reflection of the integrity and spirit of the Damascus Lions Club to which we all contribute. I wish you were there to share in the recognition because we all understand that no one does it alone. When one gets recognized we know it is due to the efforts of many. The power is in "We."

Lion Marcia Holpuch



Time to Celebrate

May Birthdays:

Warren Schwab	5/9
Wayne Marr	5/19
John Washington	5/24
Joe Howerton	5/25
Sue Suddath	5/26
Joann Woodson	5/26
Nick Holpuch	5/27
Rahul Suthar	5/30

Partners in Service

Barbara Aghamalian (Vahe)	5/21
Marcia Allen (Anthony)	5/23

May Anniversaries:

Tammy & Charlie Hertel	5/2	31 years
Anthony & Marcia Allen	5/12	
Julie & Tom Sain	5/14	4 years

Please welcome our newest member,
Vahe Aghamalian!
His sponsor is King Lion John Washington. Please
update your member directory with his contact
information:

Vahe Aghamalian (Barbara)
20707 Bell Bluff Rd.
Gaithersburg, MD 20879
email: vaghamalian@aol.com
Phone: 301.990.9099 (home) 301.237.4800 (cell)
Occupation: Financial Advisor

Upcoming Events

May 1 – Youth Night/ Wesley Grove United
Methodist Church

May 7 - 10 – Multiple 22 Convention/ Ocean City,
Maryland.

May 8 - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

May 15 – Dinner Meeting /Wesley Grove UM
Church

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APRIL BOARD MINUTES

Attendees: Lions Tess Gladhill, Chris Fletcher, Mary Frances Gosnell, Patricia McKensie, John Washington, Martin Carr, Del Mayhew, Bob Hibbert, Barbara Barry, Joy Schwab, Warren Schwab, Joe Howerton, Tom Jackson, Jennifer Redifer-Allen, Marcia Holpuch

Meeting Called to Order 7PM

Prior meeting minutes approved with revision to clarify that Bob Snapp is to receive a pre-paid meal list instead of Marcia Holpuch. Charge made to March minutes by Joe Howerton.

Treasurer's Report – Club P&L and bank statement distributed and reviewed by Del Mayhew. Approved by the board as presented.

Foundation P&L and bank statement distributed and reviewed by Mary Frances Gosnell. Approved by the board as presented.

Secretary's Report - Joe Howerton presented correspondence received from Calvary United Methodist Church thanking the club for a gift in memory of Pat Shifley and a letter confirming a donation from the club of \$1000 to the 22C Honors Band and Scholarship program.

Old Business

Mary Frances Gosnell discussed the Kusiak Foundation and suggested we present four \$250 awards. No vote from board needed. Marcia Holpuch recommended getting recipient names in time for installation night.

The board clarified pre-paid members would get installation night free. Motion was made and approved for club to provide payment of \$325 as requested by Wayne Marr for the summer picnic and for all picnic attendees to pay \$12 per person.

Auction Report by Marcia Holpuch - \$2,476.00 total donations sold, \$2362 collected

Committee Reports – Joe Howerton reviewed Sight Committee Report by Wayne Marr. The club provided eye glasses to one recipient in the prior month. White Cane Committee reports that the fall white cane dates would be moved to October 17th-20th to avoid conflict with the fall pancake breakfast.

New Business

Mary Frances Gosnell discussed the vote upcoming at the convention. There are excess funds that is proposed to be disbursed to the clubs. Club agreed to instruct the delegates to vote in favor.

A new member application was presented to the board by Marcia Holpuch. Applicant met membership criteria for and paid fee. Applicant is Vahe Aghamalian who is a Financial Advisor that lives within the Northern Gaithersburg area. Motion approved to allow membership.

Mary Frances Gosnell noted that Special Olympics MD requested a donation of \$250. Board approved.

It was noted that annual charitable contributions for youth activities are expected to exceed budget of \$7,000. Board voted to increase charitable contributions for youth activity to \$8,000

Other Matters

\$200 approved for new Shredfest signs if modification is not feasible or cost effective. Joe Howerton to ask Old Line if they have stickers to repurpose old signs. Board approved with one vote opposed.

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Damascus Lions Club 15th Annual Golf Tournament

Glade Valley Golf Club

10502 Glade Road, Walkersville MD 21793



Monday, June 4, 2018

Shotgun Start – 9:00 a.m.

Registration: 7:30-8:45 a.m.

Entry Deadline May 28

Buffet luncheon with awards and prizes during reception immediately following

*****Four Person Best Ball, Captains Choice, Mulligans, 50/50 Raffle,
Door Prizes, Longest Drive, Closest to Pin, Double your money**

Dear Area Business Associates, Friends and Neighbors

The Damascus Lions Club is excited to announce our 15th Annual Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, June 4, 2018 at Glade Valley Golf Club to benefit the Damascus Lions Club community. 100% of the proceeds from the golf tournament will go toward the community. We provide medical equipment, Blood Drives, Scholarships to local students and organizations, collect eye glasses, provide support to the community with food and other services as needed.

The Damascus Lions Club is actively seeking sponsorship and players for the golf tournament. Please join us for a memorable day of golf and fun at the Glade Valley Golf Club to help support the Lions Club.

**Please help make our Annual Golf Tournament a big success. Please fill out the registration Sponsorship form today and return to Lion Charlie Hertel at 11700 Piedmont Rd. Clarksburg, MD 20871. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lion Bob Snapp 301-788-6701 or Lion Charlie Hertel 301-353-0424/301-370-6411 or email CHTelCo@Aol.Com
Please visit our website at: DamascusLions.Org**

Thank you for your continued support of the Damascus Lions Club.

Sincerely,

Lion John Washington

President