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The President's Message



July went by in a flash. Our club had a very busy schedule and there are so many people to thank for their outstanding efforts. We started the month with a picnic meeting hosted by Lions Barbara and Tony. Lion Sue held the Senior's Birthday Party with the help of Lions Mary Frances and George.

There are so many Lions that made

Celebrate Damascus a success. There was the marking of the spaces for the flea market on Thursday evening. On Friday morning, there was the prep work for the pancake breakfast and then that evening, the parade. Saturday we had both the pancake breakfast and the flea market. Special kudos go out to Lions Tess and Mary Frances. The last Saturday of July, Lion Tammy headed up the cleaning activities at the Dairy Barn in preparation for the annual ice cream dipping at the Montgomery County Fair. The month ended with the Lions night at the Keys game. Thanks to all of you, we had a great July

The schedule does not slow down much in August. The Montgomery County Fair will be held from August 10 through August 18. On Saturday, August 4, volunteers are needed again at the Dairy Bar to finish the clean-up activities. August 8 or 9 your help is needed to stock the freezers. On Friday, each club in the Region needs to have at least 2 members at the Dairy Bar from 3 to 11. The Damascus Lions day at the fair is Tuesday, August 14. You can stop by anytime to help out. We particularly need help late in the evening to help clean up and stock the freezers for the next day.

Our first dinner meeting is August 7th at Montgomery UM Church. Don't forget to bring a canned food item to be given to the Damascus Help food pantry. We finish up the month with a blood drive on August 23.

September is coming soon- lots of events going on to keep us busy....so remember "We Serve", and my motto ... Together, "We Serve" Better.

King Lion Chris Fletcher

JULY EVENTS

Damascus Senior Party- July 5

Damascus Seniors were entertained on Thursday, July 5, with games, charades, music and refreshments. The thirty attendees celebrated the July birthdays and the 4th of July! Lion Sue Suddath and her daughter had the Seniors drawing on a paper on top of their heads, guessing words from charades, observing as participants would change their appearance and guessing what they changed, unscrambled patriotic words, sang songs and celebrated 5 birthdays. Each Senior left with a goody bag. Sue's Lions helpers were Lions George Hibbard and Mary Frances Gosnell and a student earning Community Service Hours. The attendees were served ginger ale, ice cream and a slice of one of the 5 cakes Lion Sue had made (while getting ready for knee surgery on the 9th). The Seniors enjoy the Lions party as they get to do different things that they really get involved with and, of course, the birthday refreshments.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Celebrate Damascus Flea Market - Thursday

On Thursday evening, around 7 pm, 4 Lions- King Lion Chris, Tom Jackson, Jack Peters & myself stood in the front yard of the Damascus United Methodist Church looking for the best possible way to measure off 30 flea market spaces. Tom began stepping down towards RT 124 and with the official Lions tape measure supplied by Tom Jackson, in my and Chris hands, we began to mark off the spaces, as Jack was spraying Xs at each corner with the line marker. About 40 minutes later we were still standing in the front yard and admiring our work of a job well done. Thanks, guys.

Lion Tess Gladhill

Celebrate Damascus Flea Market - Saturday

As the sun came up in the east on Saturday, I was entering the local Dunkin Donuts store to purchase a couple of boxes of donuts to help feed the early bird flea vendors that would be setting up their booth at the annual Damascus Lions Club Flea Market for Celebrate Damascus Days. Arriving at the Damascus United Methodist Church no one was at the vendor area, so I went to see the early Lions that were preparing the pancake breakfast and offered them a donut. When I got back up to the front yard of the church our first vendor had just pulled into the parking lot and we were off to the races. King Lion Chris was the next vendor with a load of goodies for our booth and her own space. More vendors rolled in. Almost 3 hours later we had 28 vendors in place at @\$20 per space for a total of \$560. The buyers were showing up from set up time throughout the day. We had 6 Lions that helped at the Lions booth. They were King Lion Chris, Ann, Julie, Marcia, Wayne, Tess. We also had one Leo from Clarksburg, Victoria Aghamlian. We had several Lions and partners in service and family stop by to browse, chat and buy. The day became hotter as the day went along and by 3 PM the flea market buyers had gone to cooler places. So the vendors began to tear down their spots and all was done and cleaned up by 6 PM & the total money collected at the booth was \$316.06. Thanks to all of you who made my job easy.

Lion Tess Gladhill

Celebrate Damascus Parade- July 13

The parade was lots of fun! We had a warm summer night, and it was great to see the crowd of people along the parade route. Several Lions and family members met in the parking lot of Damascus High School to decorate the Lions float. Thank you to Lion Roy Stanley for the use of his truck and wagon for our float again this year.



The theme of the parade was “All you need is Love.” We decorated the float with the Damascus Lions Club banner, signs of the activities that the Lions provide for the community, and Hearts saying the Lions Love Damascus. We did wave a sign advertising our pancake breakfast. Other Lions and family members that had a hand in making the parade a success were Lions Patricia MacKenzie and 2 of her sisters, Jack Peters, Marcia Holpuch, Martin Carr, George Hibbard, granddaughter Erica and Chris Fletcher. The parade started with our own Lions Joy and Warren Schwab serving as Grand Marshalls. And, of course, a parade is not a parade without Santa. He appeared at the end of the parade riding in Lion Tess Gladhill’s John Deere float. Thanks to all who helped in the festivities.

King Lion Chris Fletcher



 *All You Need is Love*

Pancake Breakfast- July 14

Damascus Lions you have filled “plates” again, covered all the “bases”, filled the “stands” once more, hawked the sale of the “goodies” while keeping everything “running” smoothly around the “bases” bringing “Home” yet another great fund raiser!! Whooppee! ROAR LIONS ROAR!



Early Saturday morning brought eager Lions in to do the food prep. Each Lion fell into their jobs without much ado and by 7 am breakfast was served! Only to be greeted by 2 hungry ticket holders! Thought we were going to have to eat a lot of sausage, eggs, pancakes and potatoes. Then about 8, Damascus awoke! The dining room was set up for 88. All the tables were full and people were looking for seats. Put up extra tables and quickly got everyone seated. We stayed busy until about 10:30 but right before 11 when food was scarce, we cooked up half dozen eggs to satisfy the brunch hunger of a family! We had visiting Lions from Leisure World, Montgomery-Central Derwood, Potomac, Monocacy, Laytonsville, Rockille and Mt. Airy clubs. I would encourage you to support these clubs as well as others with their fund raising efforts. We served 212 adults and 12 children. We had 29 Lions, 2 Leos, 4 family members and 2 friends working throughout the morning. We have estimated a total of 225 hours spent in making the breakfast happen – just think – that is 28 8 hour days of work!!! Our estimated profit is \$ 2021. ROAR LIONS ROAR! Thank You to all of you for working long hours, being great cooks, great host/hostesses and Great Lions! Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Upcoming Events:

The Damascus Community Fair

POPCORN, ICE CREAM CONTEST, ASSISTING WITH ENTIRES, MEMBERSHIP ALL AT THE DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR

Thursday, Sept. 6 at 4 p.m. thru Sunday, Sept 9 at 4 pm Mark your calendar now!!

Sign up at the September 4 meeting to help!

Time to Celebrate

August Birthdays:

Tom Didone	8/11
Charlie Holpuch	8/21 *
Patricia McKenzie	8/25
Sandeep Somaiya	8/27

*Significant Birthday!

Partners in Service

none

August Anniversaries:

George & Viola Hibbard	8/15 (59 yrs)
Dale & Scott Ryan	8/21 (36 yrs)
Warren & Joy Schwab	8/31 (58 yrs)

Friendly Reminder from your Secretary:

Please send any email regarding club activities or questions to the club email account at Damascus.lions.club@gmail.com and not to my personal account (mk.holpuch). I may not notice your message in my personal account and am sure to see it in the club account. If you don't hear back from me within 48 hours, please reach out again.

Upcoming Events

August 7 – Dinner meeting, Montgomery Methodist Church

August 14- Ice Cream Dipping, Montgomery County Fair for more information contact Lions Tammy or Charlie Hertel chtelco@aol.com

August 21 - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

August 23 – Blood Drive for more information contact Lion Charlie Hertel chtelco@aol.com

Roster Book Updates:

- Ann Davis has a new address - 1101 Jousting Way, Mt. Airy, 21771; phone 301.703.8361
- Joe Howerton partner-in-service is Angie
- Bob Newlin partner-in-service is Colleen; new home phone 301.631.6840
- Sue Suddath - remove her work number - she is now happily retired
- Mary Frances Gosnell - remove her work number - she is retired again
- Jenny Redifer-Allen partner-in-service is Dave
- Warren Schwab email is joyschw35@verizon.net



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July Board Minutes

Damascus Lions Club Board of Directors Meeting

Board Members:					
C. Fletcher, President	X	Del Mayhew, Club Treas.	X	B. Barry, Dir.	
P. McKenzie, 1 st VP	X	C. Hertel, Tail Twister		J. Redifer-Allen, Dir.	X
C. Stone, 2 nd VP		T. Barry, Asst. T-Twister		T. Jackson, Dir.	X
W. Marr, 3 rd VP		M. Carr, Tamer	X	T. Gladhill, Dir.	X
M. Holpuch, Secretary	X	W. Schwab, Asst. Tamer	X	J. Howerton, Dir.	
S. Suddath, Asst. Sec.		G. Hibbard, Chaplain	X	J. Schwab, Dir.	X
M.F. Gosnell, Fdn. Treas.	X	J. Sain, Membership		J. Washington, IPP	

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by 1st VP Patricia McKenzie.

Minutes from the June meeting were approved as published in the Lions Tale.

Financial statements were presented by their corresponding treasurers with the following summary balances for the year ending June 30, 2018:

	Club	Foundation
Annual Income	20,962	33,049
Annual Expenses	18,589	39,715
Annual Net	2,373	-6,666

Foundation Treasurer Mary Frances noted that the last remaining student loan has now been repaid and the Damascus Lions Club is officially out of the student loan business. New signature cards will be filed with the bank this week.

Secretary Marcia stated that the dues bills and roster books will be handed out this weekend at the pancake breakfast with remainder mailed next week.

Celebrate Damascus

- Lion Roy Stanley is providing the truck for the Lions in the parade. Riders should meet at Damascus High School before 6:30pm. Lion George Hibbard's granddaughter, Erica, has volunteered to wear the Lion costume for the parade.
- Flea Market is from 9-4 – Lion Chris is primary coordinator for our booth
- Flea Market striping will be Thursday evening – Lion Tess is our flea market lead
- Pancake breakfast is from 7-11 – Lion Mary Frances is in charge and needs more help
 - Friday from 10am to 1pm – potato & onion party, gravy making
 - Friday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm – dining room prep
 - Plan to start SERVING customers at 0700.
 - Additional volunteers needed
- Bake table donations are needed and wanted.
- Food shopping will be done on Thursday with a plan to feed 300

Scholarships

Lion Mary Frances read a heartfelt thank you from a scholarship recipient.

Miscellaneous

- No regular club meeting next week. The 2nd meeting of July is the Keys game on Tuesday, July 31st. Tickets are \$12 each and can be obtained in advance from Lion Tess.
- Sue Suddath had knee replacement surgery yesterday.
- Bob Snapp had his heart catheter procedure done and is home now and doing well
- Allen Burdett (past auctioneer for our in-house auction) has passed away. Details pending

- Dinner cost for next year to remain unchanged. \$17/week for prepaid, \$20 at the door.

New Business

- Lion Mary Frances explained the Garner Fund grants offered by LCOF in anticipation of an expected request for hearing aid assistance from a Clarksburg resident. If they meet the requirements, we may request a grant to assist with the purchase of a pair of refurbished hearing aids at \$750.

Upcoming

- **4 August** – District 22-C Advisory meeting – 3 officers to attend
- **7 August** - Next dinner meeting at Montgomery United Methodist Church. We need to have 40 in attendance for this meeting, so bring your spouse and a friend. Program will be shared when it has been confirmed.
- **14 August** – Ice cream dipping at Montgomery County Fair. Contact Lion Charlie Hertel. This serves as our second club meeting for August.
- **21 August** – Board Meeting – note date change due to ice cream schedule
- **23 August** – Blood Drive at Damascus United Methodist Church, 1-6pm

King Lion Chris arrived before the end of the meeting. 1st VP Patricia adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

Sight Conservation- June 18

Four cases were completed (invoices received) during June, 2018. Two were siblings. Summaries of each case follow. In all cases, I did the best I could to verify financial need and that the patient resided within our area of responsibility. There are four other current cases in process and invoices have not been received. These in-process cases could amount to FY 18-19 expenditures of \$500; give or take. Here are the four cases that completed in June 2018:

- Case 1718-12 Christian Cordova-Santos. This elementary school child was referred to the Lions Club by his school nurse. We paid for his vision exam and glasses from Mt. Airy Eye Care. The invoice for \$159 was forwarded to the Foundation Treasurer on June 20, 2018.
- Case 1718-13 Jennifer Cordova-Santos. This elementary school child was referred to the Lions Club by his school nurse. We paid for her vision exam and glasses from Mt. Airy Eye Care. The invoice for \$159 was forwarded to the Foundation Treasurer on June 20, 2018.
- Case 1718-19 Alayia Ellison. On May 15, 2018, I received an email from Tatyana Krivenko, school nurse at Clearspring Elementary. She was asking for help for student Alayia Ellison. I called the mother and made an arrangement between her and Mt. Airy Eye care. For a vision exam, we were billed \$50 and this bill was forwarded to the Foundation Treasurer on June 4, 2018. Alayia required the second opinion of a pediatric ophthalmologist, (a Dr. Hutchins); we are hoping that health insurance will take care of the ophthalmologist's bill. We expect another bill for glasses in FY 18-19.
- Case 1718-22 Anthony Haick. I received an email referral for Damascus student Anthony Haick from school nurse Tatyana Krivenko on June 7. He had a prescription and just needed glasses. I made an arrangement between Anthony's mom and Damascus Eyeballs. We received a bill for \$100 from Eyeballs and I forwarded it to the Foundation Treasurer on June 20, 2018.

17/18 Budget: (\$2,500) /17/18 Expended Total: (\$1,821; 16 cases)

White Cane 06/18

Nothing new in June, 2018

17/18 Budget: \$4,000

17/18 Collected Total: +\$4,627.23

LOVRNET 06/18

No new assignments in June

Lion Wayne Marr