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## The President's Message



As September comes to a close I will take a quick look back and at the Lions activities during the month. The biggest endeavor for the month, and wettest, was the Damascus Community Fair on September 6, 7 & 8. Thanks to everyone who volunteered - All the Lions who assisted Lion Tess with the Community Fair entries – our team of

ice cream churners – and Lion Mary Frances, and all her crew, for heading up the Popcorn Booth. Even though it was wet, it was fun. We made ice cream, which in my opinion, was the best (sorry Lion Tess.) We gave out a lot of popcorn and we talked to many nice people from our area. On Monday, September 17, I attended the Annual Flag-Raising Ceremony at Baker Middle School; and once again, it rained. Now October is here, and we still have lots of things happening. Tuesday, October 4th is Charter Night. The Damascus Lions Club will be celebrating 73 years of service to the community. I look forward to seeing you at Dutch's Daughter in Frederick. Our speaker will be District Governor Andrea Cumberland. On Wednesday, we have our first of two fundraisers for the month - White Cane - on October 5, 6 and 7. We need to have all the time slots filled. Please talk to Lion Wayne Marr to see if there are any slots still open. The next road cleanup event will be Saturday, October 20 at 9am. I am sure Lion Tony Barry would welcome any help. That is quickly followed up by our second fundraiser - the fall Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 27 at Damascus United Methodist Church. Many hands are needed to help make this a success. We need kitchen help and dining room help. We also need baked goods for the bake table. Please see Lion Mary Frances to sign-up to help.

I won't go into detail about any Lion activities in November and December. I am going to jump ahead to January, 2019 to give you a heads up on the NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo. It will be held on January 12 – 13, so mark our calendars now.

That's it for now. My apologies if I left anyone or anything out.

King Lion Chris

## Sight Conservation Committee

### Activities of the Past Year

The Damascus Lions Club expended \$1,821 for sixteen financially strapped eye care patients in the Damascus/Clarksburg area during the Lions 2017-2018 fiscal year. Eleven of these sixteen cases were schoolchildren. Our Sight Conservation Committee budget was \$2,500. 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 directly from the individuals 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

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

### Damascus Community Fair

September 6 - 9

#### Entry Night

I had arrived at the Damascus Fire Department Activities Center to get things ready for the entry night crew to take entries for the inside exhibits for the fair. A few exhibitors had already arrived and were eagerly waiting with their prize winning entries. Some of my help for the evening began to arrive shortly thereafter. Lion Julie Sain had showed up along with King Lion Chris

& were quickly in their seats to help the exhibitors with their entry forms & tags and answer any questions to be answered. Lion Jenny Redifer-Allen joined them shortly after. After the exhibitors made their way past these ladies they stood in line to be placed at a table that seated an entry taker. Included in these group of helpers were Lions Dale Ryan, Mary Frances, & partner in service Fran Peters. Lion Pasty McKenzie split her time as the greeter who directed the exhibitors to the available entry takers and then later sat at one of the entry tables to help take entries. At 8 o'clock the roll up door was closed and any exhibitor inside the building was helped to finish with their entries. By The 9 o'clock hour everyone was entered and the judging had begun. A total of 425 different exhibitors had entered over 2000 exhibits for the fair. These numbers were down from last year's totals by 18%. The weather did not help this year for flowers or the vegetable gardens. Humidity on the day of entry was not good for baking some of our past award winning bakers had commented. Among all the help that we get for entry night- our Lions are a big part and show up and prove once again that we do serve our community. Thank each one of you for all that you do & it is so appreciated.

Lion Tess Gladhill

#### Tough Popcorn

No matter how tough the popcorn was from the damp weather, fair goers didn't hesitate to take their bag and some did not hesitate to return for refills!!!

The weather was unkind to the fair this year. In my 25 plus years in treating the fair goers to the salty delicacy (Lions have done it for 18 of those years), I have experienced four nasty weather related occasions. All of which were spearheaded by hurricanes such as this year. This year we closed the booth and vacated the premises on Sunday morning after listening to a weather report.

School tours were down this year. Served 3 schools and several daycare, preschool and eldercare folks though. Friday morning we had enough popcorn bagged for 300 and gave out about 100. So with bagged popcorn sealed in tubs and the popper full, we waited for the attendance to pick-up. By 4 PM, all the banked popcorn was gone and we struggled to keep up with the demand. Saturday was a continual popping and bagging day. Fifteen Lions, one Leo and one Partner-In-Service served 1200 people, working 125 hours at a cost of \$138. We Serve! Well done Lions! Thanks to all those who signed up for a time slot during the three days and many of you serving multiple shifts. Our efforts do not go unnoticed! There was one Lion who could write of job description about how to reach out to the fair goers though. IPP Lion John stood in front of the booth, greeted fair goers with a smile and asked if they would



like to have the popcorn that he held in his hands. He was keeping the baggers and poppers busy!!! Thanks Lion John! You know how to do it!

Well Lions, we “bagged” it again for another year although we all felt a little “pruneey” from the damp, wet days!! Thanks, Damascus Lions!  
Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

## Ice Cream Churning

After much thought trying to come up with a new, interesting, blue ribbon flavor, I chose Sweet Corn Cream with Raspberry Swirl. Lion Tony and myself did a test run and decided the flavor was good but very creamy, so I tweaked the recipe a bit. We also needed to borrow a hand crank churn as ours moved to Delaware. (\*I REALLY missed Lion Ken and wife Sue. They had all of the necessary ice cream tools, ingredients, and technique, not to mention the ice cream maker.) The Damascus Lions team consisted of KL Chris, Lion Joe, Lion Tammy, Lion Tony and myself. We were one of the first teams to churn and submit our flavor to the judges. Then the rain came and it poured, so all of the teams scrambled and moved under the pole barn. It was finally time to announce the winners..... 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Clarksburg 4H (and one of our own, Lion Dale Ryan) with their strawberry cheesecake, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was pineapple surprise AND... 1<sup>st</sup> place was Gladhills with chocolate (it was tasty!) Congrats Lion Tess!

So, next year??? Please suggest a new flavor AND keep your eyes open for a hand crank churn, I think the club should own one.  
Lion Barbara Barry



## Upcoming Events:

### Fall White Cane Days - October 3-5

Hello, Lions. Our Fall White Cane fundraiser begins Wednesday, October 3. It runs just three days and ends the evening of Friday, October 5. Our schedule calls for 30 2-hour shifts at Damascus Safeway and Damascus CVS. At this time, 25 of those shifts are signed up; but 5 are not! A copy of the signup sheet is included in this Lions Tale. If you are not already signed up, please sign up for one or more of these vacant shifts. Just call or text me (301-237-3034) or email me (waynemarr@aol.com) immediately to sign up. Or catch me at Charter Night. As you know, this fundraiser needs the participation of every able-bodied Damascus Lion. Every two shifts bring us enough funds to provide an eye appointment and new glasses for some needy Damascus-area child or adult. Every month, our Club is helping someone in this way. Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this important fundraiser over the years.

Lion Wayne Marr

### Support Clarksburg Leos!

The Clarksburg Leo Club is doing a charity walk to raise funds for Lions Camp Merrick. The walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 27th from 2-4pm at the track at Clarksburg High School. Yes, that's the same day as our pancake breakfast. You can come cheer them on or take a lap or two with the Leos... what better way to work off that extra pancake and sausage you couldn't resist??

### Autumn Pancake Breakfast – Oct 27

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 27 for the Lions Autumn Pancake Breakfast. We will serve from 7 – 11 am and will need lots of help. Butler's Orchard has sponsored the tickets. So when you frequent the orchard, express your appreciation for their support.

Tickets will be available at Charter Night (will not make an issue, ask me for them) as well as the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Don't forget to get them for your family and is to neighbors. Our goal serve 250 at this breakfast!

A sign-up sheet is included with this Lions Tale – You can email [mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com](mailto:mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com) with your selected time to help with the breakfast. Every turn of the hand is of vital importance! Your time is valued!

Also, the bake table can use all kinds of goodies and crafts. The intake of the Bake Table is pure profit! Thank you in advance for your contribution!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

**Fall 2018 Damascus Lions Club White Cane Days!**



Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
<b>Wednesday October 03</b>	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	Chris Fletcher
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	Jenny Redifer-Allen
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Jack Peters
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Mary Frances Gosnell
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Ray Molesworth
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Barbara Barry
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	Tess Gladhill
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Tammy Hertel
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
<b>Thursday October 04</b>	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	Warren & Joy Schwab
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	Mike <del>Tobert</del>
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Julie <del>Sain</del>
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Chris Fletcher
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	George Hibbard
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	<del>Yabe Ashmalian</del>
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	
<b>Friday October 05</b>	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	Del Mayhew
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Bob <del>Newdin</del>
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Bob <del>Snapp</del>
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	George Hibbard
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Martin Carr
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	John Washington
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Charlie Stone
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Carol Stone

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

**27-Oct-18 SIGN-UP FOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Friday, Oct 26		10 am to 1 pm	
(Peferrably 4 + people)	Make Chipped Beef Gravy	Warren, Joy, Chris, Jenny	
(Peferrably 4 + people)	Cut & cook potatoes & Onions	Chris, Jenny	
		<b>Noon to 1 pm</b>	
(Preferably 4 + people)	Set up dining room	Bob N. Del, Warren, Julie	
<b>SATURDAY, 27th</b>	Food Served from 7 am to 11 am	<b>5:30 am - 8:30 am</b>	<b>8:30 am - 11:30 am</b>
	Cook sausage	Bob Snapp	
	Potatoes	Jack Peters	
	Chipped beef gravy	Sue Suddath	
	Scramble eggs (2)	Barbara Barry, Bob B.	Tammy Hertel, Ray Molesworth
	Pancakes (2)	Tony Barry, Tom Jackson	Tom Jackson
	Apples	Sue Suddath	
	Biscuits		
	Steam Table	Chris Fletcher	Chris Fletcher, Jenny Redifer-Allen
	Coffee	Joy Schwab	Joy Schwab
	Orange Juice		
	Dishwasher		Mike 10 - 11:30
	Dining Room Host/Hostess		
	Dining Room Beverage		
	Bake Table		
	Sell tickets	George Hibbard	
	Take tickets		
	Clean-Up		
(Need 6 people each shift)	Dining Room staff	Bob N. Del, Warren Marcia - anywhere needed	Bob N. Del, Warren



11 Sept 2018

# Damascus Lions Club Board of Directors Meeting- Gladhill Bros.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:59pm by KL Chris Fletcher.

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

### Treasurers Reports:

Financial statements were presented by their corresponding treasurers with the following summary balances for the month ending August 31, 2018:

	Club	Foundation
Income	4,025	752
Expenses	1,248	1,612
Net	2,777	860-
Reserve for 75 <sup>th</sup>	300	

Foundation Treasurer Mary Frances noted that smile.amazon.com netted \$10.27 this month. Members are to be reminded to use this painless fundraiser. It all adds up.

Both reports were accepted by unanimous vote.

### Secretary report:

- There are only 3 unpaid members for July. Marcia shared with the board that the Olney club collects dues in advance of the end of the semi-annual billing period and unpaid members at that point are dropped in good standing. They may rejoin with no penalty. Mary Frances would like to know how many members drop and reinstate under this model and expressed that collecting dues in advance may not be well received by the membership. Of the 3 unpaid members, VP Patricia will contact one, the sponsor will contact a second and the board voted to make Helen Boyer an honorary member. Helen was the first female member of the Damascus club and has been a member for 29 years. She is unable to participate due to advanced age (94). A presentation in her honor will be made at Charter Night.
- Membership application for transfer member Bob Breiner was approved by the board. He will be inducted into the Damascus club at Charter Night. His prior club disbanded in June.
- Lions Camp Merrick would like to form a branch club to take advantage of Lion benefits. The Waldorf club will be asked to sponsor, but Marcia asked if they were not interested, would Damascus be their sponsor. The opinions of the members present were that a club that is physically closer to the camp would be a better choice.

### Committee Reports:

- **Community Fair:** Lion Tess thanked the members who helped make registration go smoothly. The total number of entries was down this year with the normal number of exhibitors generally between 5-600, this year there were only 428. Attendance was down as well, but this may have been due to three straight days of rain during the fair. The same declines have been noted at the MoCo & Frederick fairs. She also couldn't resist mentioning that Gladhills won the ice cream churning contest with their fancy flavor... chocolate. It was high time they finally won! Our sweet corn, raspberry swirl did not ribbon this year in spite of the appropriateness of the ingredients used. The cake auction brought in \$17,000 and continues to be popular no matter what the weather. Lion Mary Frances reported that 1200 bags of popcorn were handed out over 2 days as it was decided to close the popcorn booth for Sunday with the downpour of rain. Half the schools did not accept popcorn this year. 125 volunteer hours were clocked for the popcorn booth. Expenses were \$138 and there is popcorn and bags enough for next year on hand. 15 Lions helped with the booth and donations

- of \$35.87 were received. The popcorn machine is now housed in the Barry's barn and Lion Wayne Marr is the overseer.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Date: 10/27 Lion Mary Frances will be sending the flyer to the clubs in our zone and has secured a sponsor to cover the cost of printing tickets. The breakfast is the same day as a scrapbooking event and we may get additional customers from there. The flyer has been submitted to The Voice for distribution throughout the district along with a notification of our upcoming blood drive on 11/8.
- **White Cane:** The date has been moved. It is now going to be October 3-5 which is Wed-Fri. No Saturday time was available so we're going to see what happens without a Saturday.

#### Old Business:

- The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee now consists of Lions Carol Stone and Mary Frances Gosnell. Contact either of them to help plan this gala event.
- 6 bags of food were collected at the last meeting for Damascus Help. This is an ongoing collection and members are to be reminded to bring a non-perishable donation to each meeting.
- Preschool vision screening for Stop, Drop & Play will be scheduled. Lion Gary Burdette will obtain the equipment and provide training for us. Additional locations for screenings include MOPS at Neelsville Church, Montgomery UMC preschool and Cookies with Santa at Gladhill's on Dec. 1.
- Lions stickers will be ordered for applying to File of Life kits. More kits need to be located or purchased.
- The District Cabinet has been invited to Charter Night and DG Andrea asked to install our new member.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

## Healing Thoughts for Club Widow

Partner-in-service, Gail Davidson, widow of Lion Dave Davidson has fallen and broken her back. She is in a back brace and a great deal of pain. She cannot bend and will be in the brace for at least 4 weeks, after which time a decision on a surgical repair will be made. She would benefit from your kind thoughts and a card or note. Mail can be sent to her at her home: 25119 Oak Drive, Damascus, MD 20872.

## Obituary of a Former Damascus Lion

Ann Brake was a member of our club from June, 2003, when her husband, Lion Phil, passed away until May, 2008 when she relocated to Frederick. She passed away last month at the age of 95. Here is her obituary.

Mrs. June Annabelle Brake died on September 12, 2018. She was the wife of Philip Ireland Brake who died on April 8, 2003. She was born June 9, 1923 at Troy, Gilmer County, WV, the daughter of the late Howard James and Dorcas Othelia Riddle Scott. She was a member of the former United Brethren Church, but attended the Damascus United Methodist Church, Damascus, MD. She retired from the General Electric Company, Bellevue, OH and the Weston State Hospital, Weston, WV. She is survived by three step children, Judy (Joe) Ganley, Kenton (Kris Tomlinson) Brake and Bonnie Brake, 9 grandchildren, many great grandchildren and one great great grandson, as well as many nieces and nephews, including Paul Scott. She was preceded in death by seven brothers and four sisters.

A memorial service will be held at The Chapel at Homewood at Crumland Farms on October 20, 2018 at 10:30 am.

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## Time to Celebrate

### October Birthdays:

Barbara Barry	10/4
Ray Molesworth	10/8
Chris Fletcher	10/26
Charlie Stone	10/30

### Partners in Service

Angie Howerton (Joe)	10/5
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### October Anniversaries:

Ray & Peggy Sicotte	10/3
Jenny Redifer & Dave Allen	10/19 (17 yrs)
Charlie & Marcia Holpuch	10/25 (38 yrs)
Tom & Marie Didone	10/30

## Upcoming Events

**October 2** – Charter Night

**October 3-5** – White Cane for more information contact Lion Wayne @ [waynemarr@aol.com](mailto:waynemarr@aol.com)

**October 9** - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

**October 16** – Dinner meeting, Montgomery Methodist Church

**October 20** – Road Clean up- for more information contact Lion Tony Barry [daniel8barr@gmail.com](mailto:daniel8barr@gmail.com)

**October 27** – Pancake Breakfast- for more information contact Lion Mary Frances @ [mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com](mailto:mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com)

### Please welcome our newest member!

Update your roster book with his information:

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Podiatrist

### Another Roster Book Update:

Lion Wayne Marr

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