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The President's Message



We had a very busy August and I want to thank all of you for your hard work. Lions Julie, Del and I attended the Advisory Board Meeting in Camp Springs. Our dinner meeting at Montgomery UMC was great as usual; fried chicken, fresh corn, tomatoes, etc., on a summer evening – what could be better? Don't forget to

thank Lion Roy for providing the corn. Thanks to Lion Tony and his crew for another road cleanup. Kudos to Lions Tammy and Charlie who did an outstanding job of coordinating all the activities involved with the MoCo Fair ice cream dipping. Thanks to everyone who stepped up to help; whether it was



cleaning up the barn, helping on Friday opening day, on our day - Senior Day, or if you were there pitching in for another club. All your hard work was greatly appreciated. A

few special Thank You goes out to Clarksburg HS Leo, Victoria Aghamalian. She worked on 7 of the 9 days. (On a side note, I met the District Governor, Shirley Kelly from Michigan District 11-A1, stopped in on Tuesday.) And to close out August, thank you to Lion Charlie Hertel for another successful Blood Drive.

On September 4th, we are back at Wesley Grove to start the fall season. Please wear a Lion shirt because we will be taking our annual group photo.

Don't forget, we are collecting non-perishable donations for Damascus Help this year at each meeting. Our guest speaker for this meeting will be someone from Damascus Help. This weekend, we jump right into the Damascus Community Fair. If you are available on Thursday evening, let Lion Tess know you can help check in fair entries. Even an hour is a great help. Lion Tess has also been able to provide us with a hand-crank ice cream maker. We will need volunteers to help in the ice cream making contest on Friday night. Let's see if we can get that coveted 1st place ribbon again. We will have the popcorn machine running and giving out free popcorn to all takers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday - see Lion Mary Frances to sign up for a time slot in the booth. Again, even just a little time is a great help. We should have 2 people in the booth at all times. On September 17, we have been invited to attend a Flag-Raising Ceremony at Baker Middle School. Let me know if you would like to attend this event with me. Our second meeting on the 18th is prospective member night. Do you know someone that you would like to invite to this meeting? Let them see what Lions are and what we do. Let us know if you plan on bringing a guest, we need to have a head count to let the hard working kitchen staff at Wesley Grove so that we have enough to feed everyone. Guests at prospective member night do not pay for their meal ~ another incentive ~ you can invite them to a free dinner AND a chance to check out our great club.

Check your Lions Activities Schedule for October. Due to a scheduling conflict, we will be changing White Cane to Wednesday, Oct 3 thru Friday, Oct 5. It's been a very busy time for us and will continue to stay that way for a few months to come. Together, "We Serve" Better.

King Lion Chris Fletcher

JULY EVENTS

The Lions Keys Game

Tuesday July 31, 2018 was an overcast slightly humid but cooler than normal July day. As 7 o'clock in the evening approached a few of the members of the Damascus Lions Club, Mary Frances, George Hibbard, Bob Snapp, Barbara & Tony Barry, King Lion Chris, Joe Howerton, Tammy & Charlie Hertel, myself and 33 family

members and friends had found hot dogs, burgers, beer, water, soda, popcorn, ice cream etc. and settled into our seats right behind home plate to watch the two hometown teams- the Frederick Keys & the Potomac Nationals play ball. At the end of the 1st inning the score was 0 to 0. The Nationals had scored 2 in the 2nd inning & 1 in the 3rd inning, while the Keys were still scoreless. In the 4th inning no score for either team. Finally in the 5th inning 1 run for the Keys with 0 for the Nationals, we are only down by 2. Next in the 6th inning the Nationals get 2 more runs along with another 1 in the 7th inning as the Keys remained with 2 runs until the 8th inning, the Keys get 1 and the Nationals get another run, at that point, Evo & Candice who are sitting in front of me, turns and said they are coming back now. Well in the 9th inning it is 0 runs for both teams making it a loss for the Keys 7-2. All was not a loss for us Lions, as we were on a Guaranteed Win Tuesday-which means if the Keys lose then our ticket stub could be turned into the Keys box office on another Monday thru Thursday game day until the end of the season. Plus the big win was that all had a good time together as a club. We were also announced on the P A system at the ball field. Thanks to all of you who came out and enjoyed the fun.

Lion Tess Gladhill



AUGUST EVENTS

Road Cleanup- August 11

The weather was beautiful and it only took the 7 industrious lions about 45 minutes to clean up the roadway on Saturday morning. The Lions Club "Adopted" the one mile stretch of Valley Park Drive between Ridge Road (Rt 27) and Woodfield Road (RT 124) as part of the Montgomery County Adopt A Road (AAR) program. Montgomery County has posted signs on our adopted roadway which clearly identify the DAMASCUS LIONS CLUB as being responsible for the roadway. The signs are excellent publicity for the Lions club and one of them is clearly visible from busy Rt 27. The following lions participated in the event on Saturday morning; King Lion Chris Fletcher, Lion Del Mayhew, Lion Warren Schwab, Lion Wayne Marr, Lion Joe Howerton, Lion Ray Molesworth, and Lion Daniel A. (Tony) Barry (AAR Chairman). Our bi monthly cleanups are really showing results and have resulted in less and less trash appearing on our stretch of road. Our next scheduled road cleanup will happen in October and I hope to build momentum so we can increase club participation in this community betterment activity. Fun was had by all.
Lion Tony Barry

Blood Drive- August 23

We had our second blood drive at DUMC for the year 2018 - 2019. We collected 35 units of blood with the American Red Cross. We would like to thank partner in service Cathy Heinbaugh for all of her time and effort for this blood drive and her passion for service to the community. Her support staff is remarkable. They sign up donors at Sunday service. Then they come help the day of the drive set up, greet donors, serve them some refreshments and make sure they are feeling well enough to leave.

We would like to thank Lion Warren for putting out the signs to help bring in donors and Lion Joy for working in the canteen. We also had a few Lions who came and gave blood and then stayed to support the community programs.

Thanks to those Lions who can still give the gift of life. We support you!!!

Our next blood drive is on Thursday November 8th, 2018.

Lion Charlie Hertel

Ice Cream Dipping- August 14

What a beautiful day for the seniors at the Montgomery County Fair!!!

We had only two clean up Saturdays at the Dairy Barn prior to opening. Lion Tammy seemed to organize some volunteers along with our Lions Ray, Bob and King Lion Chris to help ready the Ice Cream Parlor. We have been responsible for stocking the freezers prior to the opening of the dairy barn for the past several years. The fair now owns the truck that holds the ice cream. So the truck is always there. Lions Joe, Tony, Barbara, Tammy and a few of Lions from Laytonsville got together on Thursday August 9th at 6 pm to "inventory" and load the freezers. The Lions Clubs share the responsibility for Friday afternoon and evening for the first day of the fair. We would like to thanks King Lion Chris, Lion Barbara and Lion Vahe and his niece for being there from Damascus to support our club and King Lion Chris for going back and working several hours on Sunday into the evening. On Tuesday, August 14th the Damascus Lions Club is in charge of serving the seniors ice cream. Tammy left the house that morning without her fellow Lion Charlie. This was the first time in 15 years that I did not open the dairy barn. Just too busy with work and she said she's got it 😊 The Lions readied the parlor early to start serving ice cream to the seniors.



Everyone did an outstanding job. We all worked very hard. We had 16 Lions, 55 volunteers, who worked over 460 hours. I would like to thank Lion Bill Lynch for taking on the responsibility of being in charge of the Dairy Barn. There are a few other people I would like to thank for making the Dairy Barn run successfully, Lions Doug and Gerda from Laytonsville. Our cashiers were relentless King Lion Chris, Lion Mary Frances, Lion Patricia, Lion Dale, and Lion Tessie for working long shifts on the cash registers. Lion Martin in the morning to ready the Parlor for opening.
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Time to Celebrate

September Birthdays:

Carol Stone	9/1 *
Suresh Malhotra	9/10
Roy Stanley	9/19
Anthony Allen	9/30

*Significant Birthday !

Partners in Service

Colleen Newlin (Bob)	9/10
Dave Allen (Jenny)	9/13
Melissa Washington (John)	9/14
Kathy Thornett	9/17

September Anniversaries:

Tony & Barbara Barry	9/5 (31 yrs)
Del & Bonnie Mayhew	9/8 (56 yrs)
Joe & Angie Howerton	9/13 (12 yrs)
John & Melissa Washington	9/20 (38 yrs)
John & Katie Holpuch	9/28 (5 years)

Upcoming Events

September 4 – Dinner meeting, Montgomery Methodist Church

September 6-9- Damascus Community Fair Popcorn, for more information contact Lion Mary Frances @ mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com

September 7- Damascus Community Fair Ice cream churning, for more information contact Lion Barbara @ barrybar24@gmail.com

September 11 - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

September 18 – Dinner meeting, Montgomery Methodist Church- Prospective Member Night

October 2 – Charter Night- Details coming soon

District 22C Visitation Program- 2018-2019

It is important that all Damascus Lions participate in the District 22C Visitation Program. An active visitation program is required by District 22C as an integral part of the 5 Star Award for Lions Year 2018-2019. All Lions are expected to complete at least one visitation. A visitation is defined as attendance at another club's regular meeting, zone meeting, charter night, fundraiser or social event. I will have visitation information available at all dinner meetings. I have obtained the meeting and contact information for all clubs in District 22A, 22B, 22C and 22W. Visitations are not confined to District 22. You are encouraged to visit any Lions Club in the World when you are traveling. Last year Former Damascus Lion Ken Phillips visited clubs near his new residence in Delaware. If I do not have a card available for the club you desire to visit, I will email that information to you. When scheduling a visitation call or email that club's secretary or president at least one week prior to your anticipated meeting date. The contacts, location and time of the club meeting is listed on the visitation card. After you complete the visitation, please notify me at JRMolesworth03@gmail.com or return the card to me with the date of your visitation at the next meeting. Lion Ray Molesworth, Chairman, Visitation Committee.



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(Ice Cream Dipping continued) I also need to thank Lion Ray for restocking ice cream from the truck to the freezers all morning and afternoon, my job ☺, Lion Bob, Jack and Joe for restocking all afternoon into the evening and their hard work behind the freezers. Our newest Lion Vahe and his niece put many hours into the dairy barn serving many customers. We had so many other great volunteers that worked tirelessly like Victoria and Elizabeth Barry, Debbie Watkins, Rick and Tammy Monarch. My parents Ray and Virginia, I can't thank enough for all their hard work. My big hearted daughter Candice!! Thank You So Much. We had a high school graduate Nathan that could not receive his diploma until he worked 38 hours before Wednesday. Tammy helped him get all his hours with all of the clubs:)



Where do I start about Lion Tammy? She may be taking over the Dairy Barn next year? She organizes the whole day with emails and phone calls. She then trains all the youth, Leos and Lions as they come in, handles all the passes and community service hour questions. Runs a register. She helps with all the little issues that come up during the day and always has a smile on her face. I love you. As the day is getting towards the end. We are all starting to tire. Lion Wayne came in this year as a replacement for Lions Charlie and Carol as the cleanup crew. Awesome Energy. We walked out 5 minutes before midnight and the Dairy Barn was ready for the Lions on Wednesday. I would like to personally thank all the Lions that came out and helped. If I didn't mentioned your name we still appreciated all your help. Also a lot of our volunteers helped other Lions clubs on other days. We have some preliminary numbers.

On Tuesday our day we served 2,141 customers. Sales of \$8,495.75, \$3,697.00 was for the senior tickets.

The Dairy Barn took in \$69,534.00 in sales for the 9 days, so this looks like we will make a little over 2K for the day:)

Thank you to all who participated and making this an absolutely fun day.

Lion Charlie Hertel

Upcoming Events:

DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR

SEPT 7- 9

Mark your calendars for the Damascus Community Fair - The fair is celebrating its 73rd Anniversary, a tradition of agricultural heritage for young and old in the Damascus Community. A fair with an exhibit hall full of exhibits from foods, flowers, photography, art, handicraft to woodworking; barns of animals, poultry and grains: educational displays, entertainment and good food - all with no admission nor parking fees!!! Damascus Lions has offered free popcorn to the fair attendees for past 18 years, handing out approximately 2000 bags each year. We serve students on Friday morning as the schools bus them in to tour the fair. In the afternoon day care, young and old, visit the fair. Friday night, the public embark upon the fair grounds for the various activities; one being the Ice Cream Making Contest which the Lions are competing with a team, crowning of the Fair King and Queen and live entertainment. Saturday dawns with a Fun Run for kids and then animal shows, Pet Show and entertainment along with good food from the fire department members. In the evening is the Cake and Animal Auction which proves to be very profitable as well as interesting. Sunday brings forth more animal shows and Pet Show, the Grandparents Program and closing of the fair. A huge tent on the grounds houses vendors sharing their wares or introducing you to their services. All in All, there is something for everyone and beyond that - It Is All Free!!! Lion Tess Gladhill needs help with the entries on Thursday evening from 4 to 8 PM.

The Popcorn Booth needs Lions to help with the popcorn, packaging it and greeting the fair goers with the handout from Friday morning until Sunday afternoon. Ideally, three Lions per shift. The Membership Committee needs your help in spreading the word about Lionism and our club.

The Ice Cream Team can always use churners as well as some cheerleaders!

A sign-up sheet with hours that help is needed is included in this Lions Tale (see page 7). Should you not be in attendance at the Sept. 4 meeting, please email me with your time slot to help with the booth. It takes LIONS to serve the COMMUNITY!

See you at the 73rd Damascus Community Fair!

Mary Frances Gosnell

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August Board Minutes

Damascus Lions Club Board of Directors Meeting 20 Aug 2018, Gladhill Bros.

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.	
C. Stone, 2 nd VP	X	T. Barry, Asst. T-Twister		T. Jackson, Dir.	
W. Marr, 3 rd VP		M. Carr, Tamer	X	T. Gladhill, Dir.	
M. Holpuch, Secretary	X	W. Schwab, Asst. Tamer	X	J. Howerton, Dir.	
S. Suddath, Asst. Sec.		G. Hibbard, Chaplain		J. Schwab, Dir.	X
M.F. Gosnell, Fdn. Treas.	X	J. Sain, Membership		J. Washington, IPP	

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by KL Chris Fletcher.

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

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

	Club	Foundation
Income	0	3,908
Expenses	1,032	4,999
Net	1,032-	909-

Both reports were accepted by unanimous vote.

Lion Tess brought forth that the MUMC women would be agreeable to host a 2nd club meal meeting over the summer while Wesley Grove is on hiatus. We need to meet a guarantee of 40 and the June or a July meeting may be scheduled there next summer. FVP Patricia will consider. Lion Warren noted that programs at MUMC are difficult to hear in that room – with agreement all around.

18 members have not yet paid dues, though 7 of those have had communication. Secretary Marcia will send reminders to the others. It has been learned that Lion Ken Phillips transferred his membership from our club to a club in Delaware. This was done in May without Board notification.

Old Business

- **Ice Cream Dipping at MoCo Ag Fair** – There were a good number of volunteers. Attendance at the fair continues to dwindle. Most business was in the evening. 4 volunteers helped on Friday.
- **Road Cleanup** – No report received.
- **Damascus Community Fair – 9/6-9/9**
 - Volunteers requested to help with registrations on Thursday evening.
 - Popcorn booth volunteers needed Friday (starting at 7:30am) through Sunday. A donation can will be set out to support Lions Saving Kids Sight.
 - Advertising for blood drives, pancake breakfast, medical equipment & eyeglass/hearing aid collections will be prominent.
 - 4-8 people are needed to churn the ice cream on Friday evening. Wear Lions garb. An ice cream freezer has been located for our use.
 - Our annual donation of \$25 to the coloring contest was made.
- **Year-End Donations** – Lion Mary Frances will send a reminder soon for a “Phantom Fund Raiser” to remind Lions that tax exempt donations can be made to the Foundation through the end of the calendar year.
- **Backpacks/school supplies** – KL Chris noted that we were directed to the MCPS to participate in this program. On doing so, it was learned that none of the Damascus or Clarksburg cluster schools are included in the recipient list on the MCPS web site. Therefore, we are not participating through that program. If we get a request for assistance from a school, we will revisit the issue.

New Business

- **75th Anniversary** – A committee should be formed now to begin planning for this event in 2020 which will be here before we know it. If you are interested in helping, please let Lion Mary Frances know.
- **Support for Damascus Help** – Members are reminded to bring a donation in support of Damascus Help to every meeting. A list of most wanted items will be sent to club members along with the meeting reminder for the first September meeting.

- **Donation received** – A donation of \$100 in gratitude for use of hospital equipment was received. Secy. Marcia will send acknowledgement.
- **Walk 4 Hearing** – Lion Mary Frances has received information regarding the Hearing Loss Association of America Walk 4 Hearing to be held on October 20 at the mall in DC. The information she received indicates that LCOF will be on location to do hearing screening. She suggested that we should form a team or join up with a team from LCOF. Walking is not necessary to participate. Collecting donations is the end goal. See her for details.
- **Preschool Vision Request** – Lion Joe has been working with Stop, Drop and Play museum for a location to open soon. They have asked that we plan to do a preschool vision screening at their facility. This will be referred to Lion Julie as the preschool vision chair.

King Lion Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR- POPCORN SIGNUP SHEET

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

8 AM – 11 AM 3 Lions 4 PM – 6:30 PM - 3 Lions 6:30 PM – 9 PM 3 – 4 Lions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

11 AM – 2 PM

– 3 Lions 2 PM – 5 PM – 3 - 4 Lions 5 PM – 8 PM 3 - 4 Lions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

11:30

AM – 1:30 PM – 3 Lion 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM - 3 Lions

Ideally, need 3 people per shift

Sign- up to take Entries Thursday, Sept. 6

4 pm – 6 pm

6 pm – 8 pm

Phantom Fund Raising for Damascus Lions Foundation

Damascus Lions Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.

All proceeds from fund raising activities, all donations and any other monies accepted by the Foundation must be returned to the community. Thus, must be put back out into the community serving local and/or worldwide projects.

With the end of the tax year looming close by, The Board of Directors of the Damascus Lions Foundation, Inc. encourages you to consider the Damascus Lions Foundation for your yearend tax deductible donations. Tell your family, friends and neighbors about this best kept secret in tax deductible donations – No Administrative Expenses are deducted from these monies!

The Phantom Fund Raiser is in lieu of adding yet another fund raiser to our agenda!

Make checks payable to Damascus Lions Club Foundation, Inc. and mail to PO Box 267, Damascus, MD 20872.

Ice Cream Dipping Opening Night – Friday August 10

