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## **The President's Message**



Fellow Lions, we need to keep several Lions and Partners-in-Service in our thoughts. Lion Marcia has forwarded e-mails concerning Lion Mike Thornett and a link to his Caring Bridge website so that you can keep up with his progress. Please keep Mike and his family in your thoughts and

prayers. Also extend prayers and well-wishes to Lion Bobbi Warfield for a speedy recovery from hip surgery; Partner-in-service Gail Davidson who has been in the hospital after having some TIAs; and let's not forget IPP John Washington.

You should have received your dues renewal form. Please get your dues sent in as soon as possible. If you have not received your renewal, please let Lion Marcia know.

January was a relatively quiet month compared to the hustle and bustle of December. We showed our appreciation to those involved with the Holiday Baskets with a luncheon at Gladhill's and at our only dinner meeting in January. Several Lions participated at the NBC4 Health & Fitness Expo. (More to follow on these two activities later on in this issue.) The Road Cleanup that was scheduled had to be cancelled because of the snow. Speaking of which, will the groundhog see his shadow? Will we have MORE snow days! Or is spring right around the corner. I'm ready for spring, what about you? Our first dinner meeting in February will be on the February 5. Donation forms for the in-house auction will be available. (Start collecting items to be auctioned). There will be a blood drive on the February 7. Our dinner meeting on February 19 will also be a board meeting. Please make plans to attend and see your board of

directors in action. Check your Lions Activities Schedule for March. March 5 will be our 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. Saturday, March 16 is the Pancake Breakfast. Start inviting your family and friends. March 16 is the in-house auction. This is our biggest club fund raiser and it keeps our dues to a minimum. It is always a fun night. That's all for this month's edition. My apologies if I left anyone or anything out. King Lion Chris Fletcher

## JANUARY EVENTS

### NBC4 Health Expo – Jan 12

The Damascus Lions Club participated in the NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo again this year. Six brave Lions took the Metro down to the DC Convention Center early in the morning on Saturday, January 12. KL Chris Fletcher, Lions Julie Sain, Barbara & Tony Barry, Wayne Marr and Marcia Holpuch. Lion Tony wore the lion costume and was escorted around the expo by Lions Barbara and Chris. Julie did preschool eye screening and Wayne screened the adults. Marcia checked people in. After completing our 2 hour shift we headed back to Damascus and enjoyed a late lunch at the Hornet's Nest Café. Many thanks to all of you for giving up your Saturday to help with this worthy project.



### Update on Lion Mike Thornett

Lion Mike is now at the National Rehabilitation Hospital in DC. Lion Ray has visited with him and reports that he is in very good spirits. Partner in Service Kathy explained that Mike had several falls leading up to the last one on 1/19/2018. He fell at home and fractured bones in his spine requiring surgery. As he rehabs, they will learn if he will regain his ability to walk again. Lion Mike is "all in" with the rehab since walking is an important component in the even more important activity of golf.

Mike expects to be at NRH for three weeks of rehabilitation work. His sons, Matt and Chris as well as Kathy are with him as much as possible. Cards are welcome as are visits – but rehab work comes first. You can follow his progress on Caring Bridge at [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org). The family is regularly posting updates on his progress. He has his laptop with him, so email is a good option, too.



# Damascus Lions Recognize those who helped out with Holiday Baskets



**Tradesmen Motorcycle Club members donated over 300 toys, games and crafts including 3 bicycles, 1 tryke and 2 scooters!**



**Thank you to our Uber Driver for taking Santa on his deliveries. Also thanks to our DVFD for providing space for our Medical Closet and other items for the Holiday Baskets. We Congulated the Damascus Volunteer Fire Dept on their 75th Anniversary of serving the Damascus Community!**



**Safeway donated boxes of candy canes for each family and prepared all of our perishable goods ahead of schedule! Starbucks donated the coffee for Saturday morning.**



**Gladhills let us use their showroom to sort and store the non-perishable goods. And a special thanks to Santa who accompanied several delivery teams !**

## Time to Celebrate

### February Birthdays:

Julie Sain 2/6  
Ray Sicotte 2/21\*  
Jolly Somaiya 2/24

### \*Significant Birthday

### Partners in Service

None

### February Anniversaries:

Roy & Kathy Stanley 2/15- 49 yrs  
Mike & Kathy Thornett 2/17- 46 yrs



## Upcoming Events

**February 5** – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

**February 7** – Blood Drive

**February 19** – Dinner meeting, AND Board meeting Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

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District 22W

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1	Clear Spring 6:30 Kitzmiller 6:30 Mason-Dixon 6:00 Terra-Rubra 6:30 West Hagerstown 6:30	Brunswick 6:30 Hagerstown 12:15 LaValle 6:30 Potomac Valley 6:30 Monocacy Community 6:45	Cumberland 6:00 Lineboro-Manchester 7:00 Roaring Run 7:00	Chewsville 6:30 Flintstone 6:30 Glade Valley 6:29 Grantsville 6:30
2	Carroll Manor -Urbana 6:45 Hancock 6:30 Harney 6:30 Middletown 6:30 Oakland-Mt. Lake Park 6:15	Deep Creek Lake 6:30 Hagerstown 12:15 Hampstead 6:59 Taneytown 6:29 Union Bridge 6:29 Yellow Springs 6:30 Williamsport 6:15	Boonsboro 6:30 Freedom District 6:59 Frostburg 6:00 Funkstown 6:30 New Windsor 6:29 Smithsburg 6:30	Emmitsburg 6:30 Friendsville 6:30 Myersville 6:30 Sharpsburg 7:00 Silver Run-Union Mills 6:30 Westminster 6:30
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## Damascus Lions Club ~ Board of Directors Meeting ~ 8 January 2019

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.
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		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.
M.F. Gosnell, Fdn. Treas.	X	J. Sain, Membership	X	J. Washington, IPP

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by KL Chris Fletcher.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

### Treasurers Reports:

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

	Club	Foundation
Income	747	1,924
Expenses	1,343	3,999
Net	596-	2,075-
Reserve for 75 <sup>th</sup>	0	

**Secretary Report:** Thank you notes received from a community fair prize winner, a holiday basket family and a scholarship recipient. Dues notices will go out next week with prepaid meals calculated at 10. This meal count includes Installation Night but does not include the picnic which is generally less expensive than a regular meal. All attendees will pay at the picnic. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Zone meeting is Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Attendees are KL Chris, Del & Marcia. Marcia will RSVP for the club. Melvin Jones Lunch is Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. KL Chris & Marcia will attend.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Holiday Baskets:** The project was a great success again. All the great preparation by Lion Mary Frances results in smooth sailing by the time delivery day comes along. Special delivery schedules were met and Santa loves to give away bicycles. The Tradesmen and Santa will be attending our January meeting.

**NBC4 Health Fair:** Event is this Saturday with the following intending to participate: KL Chris, Lions Tony & Barbara Barry, Wayne Marr, Julie Sain and Marcia. Meet at DHS at 7:15am to carpool to Metro. Our shift runs from 8:30am to 11am.

**Preschool Vision:** Screening at Gladhill's in December included 9 children with 1 referral. Future screening to be scheduled for Neelsville MOPS on a Tuesday and Damascus Community group at Neelsville church.

**Nominating Committee:** Has begun their work.

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:** Work continues on this important milestone.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Web Site:** Our web site is currently offline. Cindee has had limited time to devote to it and probably won't get to it until the weekend.

**Facebook:** Lion Joe reports that there is a way to make donations to an organization (like us!) on Facebook through Network for Good. He has processed a test donation and we will see how long it takes to arrive and if it arrives in whole or net of any possible fees. This will provide the community an easy way to make donations to us using electronic payment which we are not currently accepting.

**Visits:** Lions Mary Frances and Sue Suddath made the Holiday circuit with poinsettias to visit the following members & widows: Gail Davidson, John Washington, Jenny Redifer-Allen, Helen Boyer, Ray Sicotte, Mary Belcher and Ann Davis. They were warmly welcomed by all.

**22-C Night:** An ad mock up was presented and approved (with adjustments) for submission to the Program for 22-C Night. Marcia will submit the ad by email and Mary Frances will send the contract and check by mail.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Celebrate Damascus:** Lion Tess reports that the date for 2019 is July 12 & 13 with the parade on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the pancakes & flea market on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed regarding collecting unused drugs at the pancake breakfast. Since this requires police presence, it was determined that a drug collection might be a better fit with the shred fest, utilizing a single drive-through with 2 potential stops.

**Photos:** We may be well-advised to draft a photo use release form to be signed when taking photos of children at our events. Photos that are publicized should never include personal identification information to protect children from potential harm. Lion Patsy to look into a form that will serve our goal.

**Next Board Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Lion Wayne Marr cannot attend board meetings on our present schedule and would like to be more involved well ahead of his year as King Lion. Consider holding board meeting on a different night. Meanwhile, Lion Tess will be out of town during our next scheduled board meeting. Therefore, our 2<sup>nd</sup> dinner meeting in February will be a board meeting. This will give the full membership an opportunity to hear the breadth of the business of the club and perhaps consider this arrangement periodically in the future. This calendar change will be included on the next release of the calendar.

**Nominating Committee:** Has begun their work.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

## Visitations

The Club is required to perform visitations with other Lions Clubs to qualify for the District 22C 5 Star and District Governor awards. These are presented at the annual District 22 convention in May. Several members have committed to a visitation, but an additional three visitation commitments are needed. I have included a list of Lions Clubs in Districts 22C and 22W that are still available for a visit. The club gets credit for only one reported visit to each club. Specific info about the meeting time and place for every club will be available at the next dinner meeting.

District 22C

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
1	Bowie 6:44 Calvert County 7:00	South Potomac 7:00 Upper Marlboro 7:00	Beltsville 7:30 Leonardtown 7:00 Millwood 4:00 Palisades Georgetown 7:30 Waldorf 6:59	Gateway 6:45 South Gate Clinton 6:45	
2	Hollywood 7:00 <u>Monocacy</u> 7:00	Brandywine 7:00 Chi-Am 12:30 College Park 6:45 Greenbelt 6:45 Laurel 6:30 Mount- Rainier 6:45 Silver Spring 7:00 University Park 6:45	Burtonsville 7:00 Mechanicsville 7:30 Silver Hill 6:30	Accokeek-Bryans Road 6:45 Special Olympics 12:00	Columbia Heights 1:00
3	Bowie 6:44 Calvert County 7:00	Hillcrest-Marlow Heights 7:00 Takoma Park 7:00	Waldorf 6:59	Gateway 6:45 Hyattsville 7:30 La Plata 6:30 Midtown 7:30 South Gate Clinton 6:45 Suburban 6:45	Fort Stevens 1:00
4	Lexington Park 6:30	Brandywine 7:00 <u>Colesville</u> 6:30 Greenbelt 6:45 Laurel 6:30	Riverdale 7:00 Silver Hill 6:30	Ridge 6:30	

District 22W Visitation chart can be found on page 4