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## **The President's Message**



Happy New Year! What happened to 2018? Where did it go? I hope that Holidays brought happiness and fun times with family and friends.

On a more serious note, we had a report that Lion Ray Sicotte's wife, Peggy, was in the ICU at Washington Adventist Hospital. I

haven't heard any updates on her condition; let's keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

I don't know what the weather had been like in Damascus but here, where I am in Albuquerque, we had 8.5 inches of snow few days after Christmas and more in the mountains. They are calling for more on New Year's Day.

We had a lot of hard working Lions in December. We started the month welcoming Santa at Gladhill's on December 1. Lion Julie Sain had a crew doing Preschool Vision Screenings. See her report later in this Lion's Tale. Lion Sue Sudduth had the Senior Birthday Party at the Rec Center on December 4. There were about 30 seniors in attendance. One of the highlights of the party was a game where each table was to wrapped one of the seniors in toilet paper, add a carrot for the nose, attached black felt pieces for eyes and a black hat to see which team could make the best snowman. Everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream and each one took home a party bag. Thanks to Lions Mary Frances Gosnell and George Hibbard for helping Lion Sue in making this event a success. Wesley Grove UMC asked if we would participate in their Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 5. I want to thank Lions Tess Gladhill and Carol Stone for joining me in lighting their Christmas tree.

On December 18 we had our holiday party and gift swap. We had the Damascus High School Brass Ensemble play for us. We enjoyed listening to them play holiday music while we ate dinner which put us in a festive mood. After dinner we had the gift swap. Lion Martin Carr's handmade game board was chosen late in the evening and was only swapped once this year. In prior years, it had been swapped 8 or 9 times during the festivities. Next came our annual Holiday Baskets activities from December 19 through 22. I am sorry that I missed most of this activity as it is one of my favorite things to do during the holidays. Lion Mary Frances will tell you all about it later in this issue of the Lions Tale. I hope that everyone had a Joyous and Blessed Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Let's get 2019 started with a loud roar. On January 12, we will be heading to the NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo to help man the mobile health unit, where we will be doing vision and

hearing screening, and preschool vision screening. Don't forget that our first and only dinner meeting this month is January 15. If you have any ideas about how we can further our support and serve our community, please let us know. Remember -Together "We Serve" Better.

Peace, comfort and happiness to you and yours throughout the New Year. Please stay safe and healthy. King Lion Chris

## DECEMBER EVENTS

### Preschool Vision Screening

On Saturday, December 1, several lions provided preschool vision testing at Gladhill Tractor's "Breakfast with Santa." The session went very well thanks to Vahe Aghmalian, Chris Fletcher, Mike Thornett, and Wayne Marr, and we were able to successfully test 9 youngsters--not bad!  
Lion Julie Sain



## RELECTIONS OF THE HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT

### DID YOU KNOW?

**THAT** the Damascus Lions Holiday Giving Project consumed some 400 hours of time from 30 Lions, 5 Partners-In-Service, 4 Family Members, 1 DHS Leo., 6 Troop 445 Boy Scouts and their 2 leaders, 11 friends and all the employees of an “open for business” business!

**THAT** the Damascus Lions Club served 29 families consisting of 49 children, 20 teens and 61 adults in the 20872 and 20871 zip code areas by delivering food, clothes, toys, school supplies, tooth brushes and paste, towels, hats and gloves and gift cards to teens and gift cards to families for perishable foods.

**THAT** the Leo Clubs from DHS, CHS RHMS and JTBMS along with the employees and retirees of NRC donated over 6000 nonperishable food items! 2000 plus items were donated to the Damascus HELP Food Closet!

**THAT** the Tradesmen Motorcycle Club members donated over 300 toys, games and crafts including 3 bicycles, 1 tryke and 2 scooters. We shared some of the toys with Toys For Tots at Gladhill’s collection box for distribution in the southern Frederick county area!

**THAT** Butlers Orchard donated apples, Damascus Dental donated toothbrushes, Safeway donated boxes of candy canes for each family and Starbucks donated coffee for the Saturday delivery! Kohl’s gave 30% off on the clothing and towels!

**THAT** the Lions members purchased hats, mittens/gloves for all the children and teens!

**THAT** Santa was with 2 teams while they delivered the bicycles! Santa had a DVFD Uber driver for his sleigh!

**THAT** assisting families in need at Holiday time has been a tradition since the beginning of the Damascus Lions some 73 years ago!

**THAT** the Damascus Lions has again served the community - the members gave of their resources, their time, their energies, their talents and their love unconditionally to bring a LIONS SHARE of Holiday Spirit to 130 community residents! A **ROAR** for the Damascus Lions! And a **SHOUT** of appreciation to all!  
Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

## SMILE.AMAZON.COM

Are you ordering your Amazon purchases through smile.amazon.com? Out of curiosity I checked the Amazon website to see how we are benefitting from this labor-less fundraiser. We have added \$189.56 (as of October 2018) to our Foundation coffers without doing anything other than a one-time click of the mouse. In case you don’t know how it works, the instructions are as follows: (1) type smile.amazon.com in your web browser; (2) choose the Damascus Lions Foundation Inc; (3) make your purchases. Amazon donates a small percentage of the purchase price to our Foundation. Every little bit helps and this involves no selling just buying (and you’re going to buy anyway!). Happy shopping

Lion Patricia A. McKenzie





## Time to Celebrate

### January Birthdays:

Bob Newlin	1/6 *
Bob Williams	1/13
Katie Holpuch	1/23
Ben Lewis	1/29

**\*Significant Birthday**

### Partners in Service

None

### January Anniversaries:

None

Update your roster book:

Lion Ben Lewis correct address:  
PO Box 1510  
Clarksburg, MD 20871

## Upcoming Events

**January 1**-No meeting, Happy New Year!

**January 8** - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

**January 12** – NBC4 Health

**January 15** – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

## Community Signs

Attention all committee chairs! Please get me dates for events you would like to have advertised on the community signs north and south of town by Jan 8.



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# December Board Minutes

Damascus Lions Club ~ Board of Directors Meeting ~ 11 December 2018 ~ 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.	
C. Stone, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP		T. Barry, Asst. T-Twister		T. Jackson, Dir.	X
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.	X	G. Hibbard, Chaplain		J. Schwab, Dir.	X
M.F. Gosnell, Fdn. Treas.	X	J. Sain, Membership		J. Washington, IPP	

Secretary thanks to Lion Tom for starting the minutes!

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

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

## Treasurers Reports:

Financial statements were presented by their corresponding treasurers and approved with the following summary balances for the month ending November 30, 2018:

	Club	Foundation
Income	585	13,386
Expenses	1,137	12,686
Net	552-	700
Reserve for 75 <sup>th</sup>	2000	

**Secretary Report:** 2 members still outstanding from July dues payment. One due to bad address, the other has been in contact and has family crisis. Both will be billed for full year with January notice.

**Holiday Baskets:** 8 teams have been organized, some serving 5 families, the rest with 4 each. Gift cards for \$30 from Kohl's will be provided to youth over 12 – there are 20 teens this year. Each family will be receiving school supplies, towels and oral care items. Toys for those under 12 will be bagged for delivery. There will be no wrapping this year. A motion to exceed budget by \$500 to meet the needs of the families this year was approved. The Tradesmen Motorcycle Club again donated an excess of toys from their ride. We passed on to the Toys for Tots program those we did not use. Both Santa and the Tradesmen will be invited to our January meeting.

**Calendar updates:** Pancake breakfasts for next year will be on 3/16, 7/13 & 10/26. The dates for the Shredfest and White Cane are not yet final.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Fundraising:** Lion Patsy noted that the Amazon Smile program has brought \$189.56 to the club so far in donations. This is before the holiday buying season. Members who make online purchases are encouraged to use this painless method of donation. We need another fund raiser and Bingo is not a bad one. Pull-offs help raise the revenue and a cash bingo seems to be popular and may be more profitable. We would need to coordinate (and not compete with) the fireworks Bingo run by the DVFD in the spring and fall as well as maintain awareness of the Legion Thursday night sessions. Sunday afternoons may be a good time, drawing an older crowd and possibly offering food and pie to aid the DVFD coffers as well. A minimum of 300 tickets need to be sold for a successful big money Bingo and those in the know admit that the sales of tickets happen primarily in the last two weeks no matter how early they are offered. Patsy to explore a date near the end of September and draft a budget. Lion Joe also mentioned that online donations can be made via our facebook page with a donation button. He will get details on how that program works and any costs that may be involved.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Speaker donation:** Following our presentation from Mark Searles on Juvenile Diabetes, Lion Wayne won the 50/50 drawing (\$37) and asked that his winnings be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Lion Patsy made a motion that we add to that amount and send a total of \$100 to JDRF. Motion passed unanimously.

**Website:** Our website is currently down with a message that we are moving. KL Chris will call Cindee to learn what the status is.

**22-C Night:** Lion Mary Frances needs the contract and our ad to submit for the program for next year.

**Nominating Committee:** Needs to meet in January to draft slate for New Year.

**Holiday Party:** Secy. Marcia to send an email to the members reminding them that they need to contact Lion Tess to RSVP for the party by this Friday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Holpuch, Secretary