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**The President's Message**

If Punxsutawney Phil had been right this year, spring should be here any day now. But I just looked at the 15 day forecast and it looks like that pesky little rodent was wrong. But February is over and we are moving closer to spring.

I want to thank Lion Charlie for heading up another successful blood drive and Lion Tony heading up another road clean up. Membership and Fundraising are two very important parts of the Lions Club. In March, we have two chances to do each of these activities. Our meeting on March 5 is the first opportunity to focus on membership. This is 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. The first fundraising opportunity we have this month is Saturday, March 16's Pancake Breakfast. Helpers are needed for set-up, preparing food, cooking, serving food, drinks and of course cleanup. Please volunteer to help in some way. A bake table will be available. Let Lion Mary Frances know how you can help. And don't forget to sell tickets and to tell all your friends and neighbors to attend. The second chance to raise funds this month is our dinner meeting on March 19 with the in-house auction. This fund raiser helps keep our dues to a minimum and is always a fun night. Plan to attend and bring items to sell and of course, be prepared to buy those perfect items for yourself. Our second chance to focus on membership is with Kites over Clarksburg on Saturday, March 30 at Ovid Hazen Wells Park. Participants of the Festival are asked to bring can food to be donated to Germantown/ Damascus Help or used glasses to be donated to the Damascus Lions Club. I will be there talking to visitors about the Lions Club and hand out the Damascus Lions Club brochure. Let me know if you are able to join me. Lion Mary Dehart is looking for volunteers to help with a preschool vision screening in Silver Spring on March 13 at 9:30. Please let Lion Marcia know if you would like to attend.

I just want to mention one thing coming up in April. District 22-C Night is on April 6. Please let Lion Marcia know if you would like to attend. Have you seen the new webpage? If not, check it out. Lion Cindee has been working on bringing it up-to-date. Please continue to keep Lion Mike and his family in your thoughts and prayers. That's it for this month.  
KL Chris Fletcher

## **FEBRUARY EVENTS**

### **Blood Drive-Feb 7**

We had a blood drive at DUMC on Thursday February 7th, 2019. We collected 40 units of blood with the American Red Cross. I would like to thank partner in service Cathy Heinbaugh for all of her time and effort for this blood drive. Along with all her terrific support staff. We just ended our collections for 2018 - 2019 with 150 units collected. Thank you to Lions Warren and Joy. Lion Joy worked in the canteen and Lion Warren still puts out road signs for our blood drive. Our next blood drive is on Thursday May 16th, 2019. See you there!!  
Lion Charlie Hertel

### **Road Cleanup-Feb 16**

On February 16, 5 members of the Damascus Lions club and one child in service participated in the road cleanup of our adopted road, Valley Park road, we collected 4 large bags of trash. The following members participated in the event  
Lion Joe Howerton & child-in-service, Ben  
Lion Barbara Barry  
Lion Wayne Marr  
Lion Tom Jackson

Lion Daniel A. (Tony) Barry

## **Visitation Report**

The club is doing well on reaching the goal of 53 points to qualify for the 5 Star Award and the District Governor's Special Recognition Award. However, I need additional commitments to conduct a visitation prior to April 30, 2019. Attending another club's fundraiser is an excellent way to get credit for a visitation. By attending a fund raiser, you can avoid going to another boring meeting in the evening. Lions Clubs in Frederick and Carroll Counties are in District 22W. Those clubs are closer to Damascus than most of the clubs in District 22C. I am listing three upcoming fund raisers for clubs that have not been visited by our club this year. If you are interested in any of these fund raisers additional information is found on the District 22W Governors web site

[www.e-district.org/sites/22w](http://www.e-district.org/sites/22w) under upcoming events. They are Taylorsville-Winfield Lions Club, All Cash Bingo, 4/6/2019; Williamsport Lions Club, March Madness and Bonanza Fundraiser, 3/9/2019 and Westminster Lions Club, All Money Bingo, 3/20/2019. The site contains information concerning other fundraisers in 22W. If you have previously committed to a visitation please complete the visitation before April 30, 2019.

Lion Ray Molesworth

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Spring Pancake Breakfast – March 16**

ALL LION'S PAWS ARE NEEDED ON DECK FOR OUR SPRING PANCAKE BREAKFAST MARCH 16  
The Pancake Breakfast Committee is planning for our Spring breakfast on March 16 – almost St. Patrick's Day! You, the Lions and Partners-In-Service did a great job in promoting the breakfasts in July and October. . We profited \$ 4577.00. We are setting the bar a bit high and hope to bring in \$3,000 on this St. Patrick's Day breakfast. We need to put signs in lawns the Sunday before, we have available flyers to post at churches, businesses and on social media and we have tickets ready for you to pre-sell. Our goal is to sell 300 plus tickets! Donations and Bake Table can generally take care of expenses!  
As a note, the club committed to a price increase – Adults \$10.00 Children \$ 5.00  
A Sign-up Sheet will be available for you, your Partner-In-Service, your family and friends to tell us where all would like to help with the Pancake Breakfast. We need help on Friday to prepare food and to set up the dining room, we need help

from 5:30 am to 11:30 am on Saturday in the kitchen, dining room, bake table and sales area. We need baked or crafty items for the Bake Table. Remember the Bake Table is pure profit! It brought in \$400 in October. Please mark your calendars now to do Lions work- a time to do the cooking, pouring beverages, cleaning tables, washing dishes, cleaning up and to intermingle with the diners from our community and neighboring Lions Clubs. Should you not be planning on attending the Dinner Meeting on the 5th, you can always email Mary Frances with the times and jobs you would like to do.

Don't forget to get your tickets to SELL - Presold tickets have been half of our sales in the past. We ask all to give some time to Lions Work on March 15 and 16th. Thanks! Any questions or thoughts, please contact Lion Mary Frances -  
mgosnell@damascuslions@gmail.com  
Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

## In House Auction

Please get your list of auction items to Lion Marcia ASAP. Keep in mind, the more money we raise at our auction, the less we pay in dues. Things that always sell are: homemade jams & jellies, fudge, cakes, board games, wine, gift cards (especially to local restaurants), rides to the airport, use of a beach house.....

Also remember to bring your wallet or checkbook AND partner in service (they like to shop!) to our March 19 meeting. This is a great Club Fundraiser.

## A Little Irish Humor

What do you get when you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy?

*A rash of good luck on St. Patrick's Day.*



What do you call a fake Irish stone?

*A shamrock!*

Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover?

*You might press your luck!*

I went out drinking on St Patrick's Day, so I took a bus home...That may not be a big deal to you, but I've never driven a bus before.

How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?

*He's Dublin over with laughter!*

Why did God invent Jameson whiskey?

*So the Irish would never rule the world.*

What do you call an Irishman who knows how to control his wife?

*A bachelor.*

What's the main difference between an Irish wedding and an Irish funeral?

*1 less drunk at the party*

**David:** Mom, I met an Irish boy on St. Patrick's Day.

**Mom:** Oh, really?

**David:** No, O'Reilly!

## Time to Celebrate

### March Birthdays:

Bobbie Warfield	3/1
George Hibbard	3/10
Jenny Redifer-Allen	3/19
Jack Peters	3/28
John Holpuch	3/29

### Partners in Service

None

### March Anniversaries:

Tom & Jonnie Jackson	3/14- 57 yrs
Jack & Frann Peters	3/30- 52 yrs

## Upcoming Events

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

**March 12** - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

**March 19** – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove United Methodist Church – **In house Auction**



### Lion's Tale

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**Damascus Lions Club****Board of Directors Meeting - held in conjunction with regular meeting****19 February 2019****Wesley Grove UMC**

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

Others in attendance: V. Aghamalian, R. Molesworth, J. Peters, B. Snapp, B. Warfield

The meeting was called to order at 9:10pm by KL Chris Fletcher.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

**Treasurers Reports:** Deferred to the next board meeting

**Secretary Report:** Thank you note received from Mary Belcher. Dues continue to come in.

**President:** We received a thank you on behalf of a generous donation made to Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence by Lion Bob Breiner. We will look further into this organization.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Pancake Breakfast:** Lion Mary Frances has tickets available tonight and will have sign up sheets at the next dinner meeting along with extra flyers.

**Scholarships:** Applications have started to come in. The deadline is next month.

**Community Fair:** Lion Mary Francis polled the group to see if there was interest to continue giving away popcorn. Most were in agreement. We will place our ad in the fair book.

**Vision Assistance:** Lion Wayne has received a request for assistance for a woman who is living out of her car. He learned that her father was a Damascus Lion and this was confirmed by several who remember him. He will see what kind of assistance she needs beyond help with an eye exam and glasses.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Web Site:** Our web site should be back up this week. Cindee would like a volunteer to help with calendar and update. A couple of suggestions were made and they will be asked if they are interested.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Kites Over Clarksburg:** KL Chris will staff an information table at this event being held on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Assistance is welcome. New members are needed.

**Member Welfare:** In addition to Lion Mike Thornett, word has been received that Lion Jennifer Warfield is in need of prayer. Lion Bob Breiner has had a medical procedure done and will be back with us again soon.

**Programs:** We have had a couple of recent programs that would benefit from donations. Lion Wayne moved to send \$100 donation to Bernie's House and the reading program presented by Sandy Gill. Second by Lion Joe Howerton; passed unanimously.

**Budgeted Donations:** Lions Camp Merrick currently has an offer of matching funds for all donations from clubs through mid-March. It was decided that this donation and all budgeted / program donations through the end of the Lions year be made now.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Holpuch, Secretary