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## **The President's Message**



The Damascus Lions participated in several events in March. I want to thank everyone for all their support. I joined Lion Mary Dehart and other Lions from around the District for a Preschool Vision Screening at the Arc of Montgomery County in Silver Spring. We had a great turnout of Lions for our Pancake Breakfast. It was great to have Lion Charlie Hopluch as

our Auctioneer for the In-House Auction, and it was nice to have IPP John Washington with us again. Several Lions turned out to help with the Preschool Vision Screening at Stop, Drop and Play. Lions Mary Frances Gosnell and Marcia Holpuch, and I attended the 22C Advisory Meeting held at Leisure World. And lastly, I participated in Kites over Clarksburg. Again, a big thank you to all of you.

Coming up in April, our first meeting will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, which will be a combined regular/board meeting. On April 6, several of us will be heading to Lanham for District 22-C Night. Looking ahead past April, we have a busy schedule with White Cane, Shredfest, Multiple District Convention, a Blood Drive and Youth Night in May. In June, we have the Golf Tournament. I know there are plenty of ways to help out with each of these events. The last activity for the 2019-2020 year will be Installation Night to be held on June 18.

Start thinking about what committees you'd like to sign up for. I will bring the committee sheets to the next few meetings, so feel free to put your name down for many committees.

Keep being pro-active in talking up the Damascus Lions Club. Tell people what Lionism is all about. We need new members and we need to keep in contact with the ones who are not able to be there with us.

That's it for now,  
KL Chris Fletcher

## MARCH EVENTS

### PLACE MATS FOR LIONS BREAKFAST

March 2018 breakfast witnessed a new place mat on the dining room tables. Lions Chris Fletcher and Jenney Redifer-Allen canvassed merchants in the Damascus area to put business card ads on a place mat to be used for the pancake breakfast. We produced 1000 – enough to last us thru the 2018 Autumn Breakfast. King Lions Chris took up the project for 2019 seeking 4 new advertisers. Being successful, we had another 1000 place mats printed. The place mats have several Lions business cards on it as well as businesses throughout the Damascus area. With each business card ad priced at \$50, the project has produced a net income of \$844. Thanks to King Lion for updating the place mats and getting them printed.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

## Spring Pancake Breakfast- March 16

**ROAR LIONS, ROAR** The Spring Pancake Breakfast brought in Spring-like weather with a huge ROAR from the Lions while filling the bellies of the hungry prey. Some 260 people satisfied their appetites with our great breakfast menu while threatening us to run short on a few items – BUT, we didn't!!! Had a few things that hit us in our Lions face (things that did not go as planned) but we over-roared them very quickly. The changing of shifts was oblivious – no slack in the cooking, making coffee and juice nor the dining room busboy Lions! We had Lions from Monocacy, Layton TALEsville, Montgomery Central and Mt. Airy join us. Perhaps we can reciprocate by attending one of their fund raisers or meetings and get a chance to borrow some ideas! We had 25 Lions, 5 family members and 5 Leos from DHS, CHS and Urbana High. The best I can guestimate - we clocked 242 hours of time. Our profit is a ROARING \$2,835: That includes the Roaring Bake Table take of \$350 and the table donation jars of \$95. I might add that the presold tickets were over half of the sales. Thanks to all who took tickets for presale. Also thanks to all the Lions who helped with advertising with the signs in their lawns etc. I will reiterate what I tried to say at the Lions Meeting – The breakfast committee is thankful for each and every one of you Lions, your families and friends for your support in this roaring labor intense project. You are a wonderful lair of Lions to work with - or can I say you LIONS are ROAR-DERFUL!



## **In-house Auction-March 19**

Our annual in-house auction was again a fun evening. Donations appeared a bit thin this year with only 18 members making a donation of items to be purchased. Equally thin was the list of 21 potential buyers. In spite of that, we exceeded our budget target of \$2,200 by \$300, squeaking up to \$2,500!! Many thanks to those who participated by donating or buying items. Home made goods were ever popular and the amount of liquor has dropped significantly. Lion Mike again offered the weekend at his beach house in Bethany and 4 gift cards from Hyatt Building Supply made it to the auction block. Lion Martin has the following items still available if you are interested: Firewood, a full-size upright deep freeze and a hand-crafted doll house. Lion Charlie Holpuch kept the bids hopping and the evening moving along at a nice pace. Lions Patsy and Chris helped move the merchandise. There may be nowhere else in the land where a basket of 4 jellies can command \$50!! Recognition to the following Lions who made cash donations in addition to or in lieu of merchandise: Del Mayhew, Joy & Warren Schwab, Marcia Holpuch, Tess Gladhill, Barbara Barry, Chris Fletcher, Martin Carr, Joe Howerton and Patsy McKenzie. Total merchandise sales was \$2,115 and donations of \$385 put us at the \$2,500 mark. Start setting aside your goodies (or baddies) for next year!

Lion Marcia Holpuch

## **March Pre-school Vision Testing**

On the 20th and 21st of March, five lions held 2 pre-school vision testing sessions at Stop Drop and Play on Main Street in Damascus. We worked with 16 children resulting in 12 children who passed, 2 referrals and 2 1-year olds who couldn't be tested because they couldn't keep their heads still. The lions participating—Mary Francis Gosnell, Chris Fletcher, Joe Howerton, Vahe Aghamalian, and Julie Sain—were very appreciative of the welcome and assistance the owner, Kym Petronio gave us on Thursday and her assistant Jamie Bickford provided us on Wednesday. They helped us set up in a quiet location with the proper lighting and encouraged parents to bring their children to us. In addition, a practicing optometrist, An Hollier, was present both days. She said the referral information

we gave to the parents whose children did not pass was helpful.

Many thanks to Joe for making the arrangements with Kym to have us come in. It was a very positive experience. (See picture on page 6)

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Julie Sain

## **Kites Over Clarksburg- March 30**

Kites Over Clarksburg has held on Mar 30 at Ovid Hazen Wells Parks. It was a beautiful day. The sky was filled with an array of colors and shapes of all kinds of kites. I talked to visitors about Lionism and handed out several of the Damascus Lions Club brochure. We had three person sign up for more information about becoming a member. Participants of the Festival were asked to bring used glasses to be donated to the Damascus Lions Club. We collected 39 pair of glasses.

KL Chris Fletcher

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Spring White Cane Days –**

#### **May 1-3**

Spring White Cane Days: May 1-3, 2019

Hello, Lions. Our Fall White Cane fundraiser begins Wednesday, May 1. It runs just three days and ends the evening of Friday, May 3. Our schedule calls for 30 2-hour shifts at Damascus Safeway and Damascus CVS. I will be pushing the signup sheet around at our meeting of April 2. If I miss you at this meeting, please email me (waynemarr@aol.com) to sign up. Or sign up at the meeting of April 16.

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

## Time to Celebrate

### April Birthdays:

Marcia Holpuch	4/7 *
Cindee Wolford	4/8
Tom Jackson	4/18
John Ampiah-Addison	4/24

\*Significant Birthday

### Partners in Service

Jennifer Molesworth (Ray)	4/11
Kathy Stanley (Roy)	4/22

### April Anniversaries:

Bob & Joanne Breiner	4/25-32 yrs
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## Upcoming Events

**April 2** – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove United Methodist Church & Board meeting

### April 6- 22C Night

**April 16** – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

**Wed-Fri, May 1-3** - White Cane collection around town - contact Lion Wayne Marr for a timeslot

**Sat., May 4** - 9am-noon - Community Shred @ Damascus United Methodist Church

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**Damascus Lions Club****Board of Directors Meeting - held in conjunction with regular meeting****12 March 2019****Gladhill Bros.**

<b>Board Members:</b>					
C. Fletcher, President	X	Del Mayhew, Club Treas.	X	B. Barry, Dir.	X
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.	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.	
S. Suddath, Asst. Sec.	X	G. Hibbard, Chaplain		J. Schwab, Dir.	X
M.F. Gosnell, Fdn. Treas.	X	J. Sain, Membership	X	J. Washington, IPP	

Others in attendance: R. Molesworth

The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm by KL Chris Fletcher.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

**Treasurers Reports:** January & February were submitted and approved as follows in summary:

	Club Jan.	Club Feb.	Fdn. Jan	Fdn. Feb.
Income	399	4234	371	1184
Expenses	<u>1648</u>	<u>1576</u>	<u>1468</u>	<u>7921</u>
Net	-1249	2658	-1097	-6737

Addition to 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fund 330

**Secretary Report:** Thank you notes were received from donations made. Of particular interest was the group that Sandy Gill spoke for who would like to donate wooden toys for our Holiday Basket program next year. A few dues remain outstanding. Collection efforts will continue. Thank you notes will be sent for medical equipment donations received.

**Membership:** Lion Julie presented a resignation letter from Lion Jennifer Warfield who will be leaving the area in April. Her request was approved with regret. She will be terminated as a member in good standing.

**Committees:**

- **Pancake Breakfast:** Lion Mary Frances needs more kitchen help for the breakfast. Shopping will be done on Tuesday, pre-cooking on Friday. Flyers are up around town and tickets are available for presale. 6 Leos are scheduled to attend. Donations are needed for the bake table. Cooking will start at 10am on Friday with room setup at 1pm.
- **Preschool Vision Screening:** Lion Julie needs 2 more helpers for March 20 & 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-12 am.

**Old Business:**

- **Website:** It is back up but needs updating Lion Tammy Hertel will investigate taking over the maintenance of the site.
- **Donations:** Recurring donations were approved as follows: Special Olympics of Maryland, \$250; Friends of the Library, \$250; Damascus Heritage Society, \$250; Hospice Caring, \$200. Our last speaker, Steve Dutterer, supports the Foundation for Fighting Blindness. A motion to donate \$100 to that organization was approved.
- **Combined Meetings:** It was agreed that a board meeting at a dinner meeting does not work when there is a program. It just takes too long. Looking at the upcoming schedule, there is no program booked for April 2<sup>nd</sup> and that might be a good date to try the combined format again.



### New Business:

- **Mike Thornett:** Lion Ray gave an update on Lion Mike who will be moving soon to a subacute facility closer to home. He's learning to use an electric wheelchair. He's also looking into how we can help the Thornetts, perhaps with an entrance ramp or other accommodations that need to be made to facilitate use of the wheelchair in the home. Lion Ray will let us know how we can help when the time is right. To ease his recovery and love of gardening, building various patio boxes may be another way we can help.
- **Youth Night:** Lion Ray is stepping in to coordinate this celebration and suggested that additional prepaid guests are charged \$17 if they pay in advance or \$20 if they pay at the door. There were no objections. It should be noted that the youth and one adult are guests of the club and payment is for additional guests sent by the organization.
- **Visitation update:** Lion Ray reported that we need 53 points to complete the Governor's Recognition lever and we have already surpassed the threshold for 5-star visitation requirement. We currently have 46 points and need 7 more. Visitations are scheduled for Burtonsville, Silver Spring and the Frederick Noon clubs which will complete that requirement when they have been visited.
- **District Advisory Meeting:** Scheduled for March 23, Damascus will be represented by King Lion Chris and Lions Mary Frances & Marcia. Marcia will RSVP for the club.
- **Budget Meeting:** Lion Mary Frances will host a preliminary budget meeting at her home on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Any Lion with a budget request is encouraged to submit the need to her or Lion Del in preparation for the meeting. The group will review past attendance, budgeting for program donations. Vice Presidents can help by checking with their committee chairs to see what funding needs they have.
- **Summer Meetings:** Lion Tessie suggested other options to the picnic, perhaps a meal at the Keys game on June 11<sup>th</sup> or an Orioles game. Exclusive use of the Keys 'party patio' is prohibitively expensive for a group our size. She will also investigate having 2 summer meetings at Montgomery United Methodist Church who expressed their willingness to do so last year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm

Respectfully Submitted,

~Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

