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The President's Message

This will be my last message as King Lion. I would like



to thank everyone for making this past year a successful one. We received the Five Star Club Award and the District Governor's Exceptional Club Award for the year 2018-2019. Give everyone in the Club a round of applause.

We had a busy May, starting with White Cane and the

Shredfest. Thank you Lion Wayne Marr for heading up White Cane and to Lions Julie Sain and Joe Howerton for coordinating the Shredfest and to everyone who participated in both of these activities.

Four of your members attended the District 22-C Convention, Thank you to Lions Marcia, Mary Frances, Ray and Vahe. Lion Charlie Hertel had another Blood Drive. Lions Julie Sain, Wanye Marr and I partnered with the New Market Lions for a Preschool Vision Screening at Montgomery UMC. May 21st was Youth Recognition Night. It was an evening to honor our Youth and provide them with financial assistance for their designated projects. Not to take away from the accomplishments of our youth, the highlight of the evening was having Lion Mike Thornett at the helm. What an inspiration he is to all of us!! And thank you Lion Ray Molesworth for stepping in to coordinate the night's event. The month concluded with the Memorial Day Weekend wreath laying ceremony at the Damascus Legion. By the time you read this, the June 3rd Golf Tournament will be over. Lions Charlie Hertel and Lion Bob Snapp put together another outstanding tournament. Did you play a round of golf, sponsor a hole, donate a door prize, or volunteer to oversee some of the activities out on the course? Thank you to everyone who participated in any way. June 4 will be our monthly board meeting.

On June 11, we will have our first June meeting at the Frederick Keys. See Lion Tess for ticket information. On June 18, we have Installation Night at Montgomery Country Club. Make sure you get your reservation in to Lion Bob Snapp.

A quick look ahead as to what is in store for us in the coming months. In July we prepare for Celebrate Damascus on July 12 & 13; the parade through town on Friday evening and on Saturday, we have two events at the same time - our Pancake Breakfast and our Flea Market. So there is plenty to do during Celebrate Damascus. The Montgomery County Ag Fair is in August. There has been a change in the Lions Club Coordinator for the Lions Club Ice Cream Barn. Our own Lion Tammy Hertel will be the Lions' go-to person this year and I am sure she would appreciate as much help from all of us starting with the 3 clean-up Saturdays prior to the fair and then again throughout the week. Our day at the fair is Senior Day, Tuesday, August 13. This replaces one of our dinner meetings. We really need to have many Lions present at this event. You don't have to scoop ice cream; we can use your help in many other ways. This is another event where it is important to make our presence in the community known. In September, another opportunity to serve to community is Damascus Community Fair; but more on that coming up in the next few months. Again, I want to thank every one of you for making the past year a success. Whether you were an officer, a committee chair or someone who served at our various events, I thank you for your support. President-elect Patricia McKenzie, I turn the "Pride" over to you. I wish you the best. I know that all of the Damascus Lions will support you and you will have another successful year. I hope your Memorial Day weekend was a safe and memorable one. School will be out soon – so watch out for the kids while driving, enjoy your vacations and relax.

KL Chris

MAY EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE –May 16

We had our first blood drive at DUMC for year 2019 - 2020. We collected 42 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 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. Also Cathy was able to do Double Reds because of her support staff being there:) Thanks to those Lions who can still give the gift of life. We support you!!! Our next blood drive is on Thursday August 22nd 2019.

Lion Charlie Hertel

LIONS YOUTH NIGHT – May 21

The annual Lions Club Youth Appreciation Night was at Wesley Grove United Methodist Church. In addition to the Lions members who were present, fifty-two guests were in attendance. The club members welcomed back Lion Mike Thornett who has been recuperating from a back injury since last January. Lion Mike took over as the Master of Ceremonies and hosted a wonderful evening. The Lions Club had previously provided financial support to the eight elementary schools in the Damascus and Clarksburg area. The money was used to support literacy, reading and other programs at the various elementary schools. Representatives from Clarksburg Elementary School, Cedar Grove Elementary School, Clearspring Elementary School, Little Bennett Elementary School, Woodfield Elementary School and Lois Rockwell Elementary gave a brief presentation about the activities at their school which were supported by the club. We

were honored to have Dr. Louise Worthington, Principal, John T. Baker Middle School; Dr. Barbara Woodward, Principal, Hallie Wells Middle School; Mrs. Stephanie Brant, Principal, Woodfield Elementary School and Mr. Carl Bencal, Principal, Clarksburg Elementary School join us for the evening. John T. Baker Middle School and Hallie Wells Middle School were presented with a check during the evening.

The Leo of the Year award for Damascus High School Leo Club was presented to Leo Kate Lanham and Clarksburg High School Senior Victoria Aghanalian was selected as the Leo of the Year at Clarksburg High. Rocky Hill Middle School Leos received monetary contribution in support of their activities. The club also provided financial support to Girl Scout Service Unit 32, Boy Scout Troop 445, Boy Scout Troop 738, Cub Scout Pack 438, Cub Scout Pack 1084, Damascus Community 4H and Clarksburg 4H. The total amount of support provided to youth organizations in the Damascus/Clarksburg area was approximately \$7,571. This amount of support is in addition to the Vernon R. Simpson scholarships.
See pictures on pages 5 & 6.

Lion Ray Molesworth

LIONS PRESCHOOL VISION SCREENING- May 22

King Lion Chris Fletcher, Wayne Marr, and Julie Sain met with Lions from New Market to give vision testing to preschoolers at Montgomery Methodist. Our Damascus Lions screened 21 students. The screening went very smoothly thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Olsen, the coordinator of the preschool who had the room set aside for both groups and brought in the students in an orderly manner.

Lion Julie Sain

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT THE LEGION- May 26

A largely attended Memorial Day Service was held at the American Legion Post 171, in the afternoon of Sunday, May 26. The Browningsville Band gave a very enjoyable concert at the beginning of the service and accompanied the soloist. Post Commander David Clemmer led the Post Everlasting service. An American flag was presented for each of the 12 comrades who transferred to Post Everlasting this past year.

2nd V. Commander, Will Trotter, introduced 17 community organizations who presented floral displays, setting them in front of the Post's monument and amongst the flags in honor and in memory of those who served. The Guest Speaker was 1st V. Commander Frederick Mitchell who spoke very candidly in regard to History is History," we cannot erase it or forget it! Today, we especially remember those who did not come home!"

King Lion Chris Fletcher and Lion Mary Frances Gosnell represented the Damascus Lions. King Lion presented the Memorial Wreath for the Lions.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell



LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22

CONVENTION- May 13-15

Four convention delegates from Damascus "rowed" to Ocean City from the Multiple District 22 Convention. The rains were relentless during the drive on Monday, May 13. Safely arriving in Ocean City were Delegates Vahe Aghamalian, Mary Frances Gosnell, Marcia Holpuch and Ray Molesworth. Monday evening we had the pleasure to being introduced to International President Gudrun Yngvadottir only to be followed with IP Gudrun attending all the meetings for the next 3 days. Lion Gudrun was very personal, genuine and spoke excellent English. We witnessed her strolling around on Hospitality night, line dancing and even getting a back massage. Your delegates attended all the Business Sessions, the Multiple District Banquet, Melvin Jones Luncheon, the Memorial Service as well as several seminar sessions learning about the Opioid Crisis, Lions Camp Merrick, Leader Dog For the Blind, Campus Clubs, LCIF LVRF and more. The Golf tournament winners was a team from Leisure World. While the top scorer for our Damascus Mini Golf Team was Lion Vahe Aghamalian with Lions Marcia Holpuch close behind. We elected the following District Officers for 2019-2020 – Lion Sonia Wiggins, Rockville, District Governor, Lion Ruth Moses, Silver Hill, 1st

Vice District Governor and Lion Bill Lavelly, Sandy Springs, 2nd Vice District Governor. Think about attending next year again in Ocean City - It is fun time to get to know Lions throughout Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia, get new ideas and learn about what Lions do throughout the Multiple District. Being a Lion is more than meetin'and eatin'! We Serve!
Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

2018-2019 Visitations

The club was awarded the District Governor's Special Recognition Award for Visitations during the District 22 Convention. I would like to thank all members who did a visitation during the past year. The club obtained visitation credits equal to or in excess of 100% of the number of members in the club. However, we are back to zero and starting over for the next lions' year. Please be alert for visitation possibilities this summer. Other clubs' fundraisers are an excellent way to qualify for a visitation. This includes bingo, carnivals, breakfasts and golf tournaments.
Lion Ray Molesworth

June 11- Lions Family Picnic

LIONS FAMILY PICNIC - AT THE FREDERICK KEYS #32 PER PERSON - 6-11-19
VS CAROLINA MUDCATS CONTACT TESSIE GLADHILL AT 301-253-2141 FOR TICKETS
June 11/2019

BUFFET & BREWS

BENEFITS

MATTRESS Warehouse Club

EXPERIENCE FINE DINING COUPLED WITH KEYS BASEBALL:

- ENJOY A DELICIOUS, UPSCALE MENU SERVED BUFFET-STYLE
- RELAX IN OUR CLIMATE-CONTROLLED RESTAURANT
- TAKE IN THE GAME FROM THE EXCLUSIVE CLUB SEATING LEVEL

BUFFET & BREWS MENU

Chicken Wings - Served two ways with carrots, celery & bleu cheese dressing	Pulled Pork Sliders
All-Beef Hot Dogs - With all of the traditional condiments	Mac & Cheese Bites
Fresh Garden Veggie Tray - With ranch dipping sauce	Fresh Popped Popcorn
Spinach Artichoke Dip w/ Crackers & Pita Chips	Fresh Baked Cookies & Brownies

On Tap: Miller Lite, Flying Dog & Brewer's Alley | Iced Tea, Lemonade & Pepsi Products available



Lion Tess presenting to the Boy Scouts (above) and Clarksburg 4H Club (below)



Lion Tammy presenting to Clarksburg Elementary School (above), Cedar Grove Elementary School (left) and Clearspring Elementary School (below)

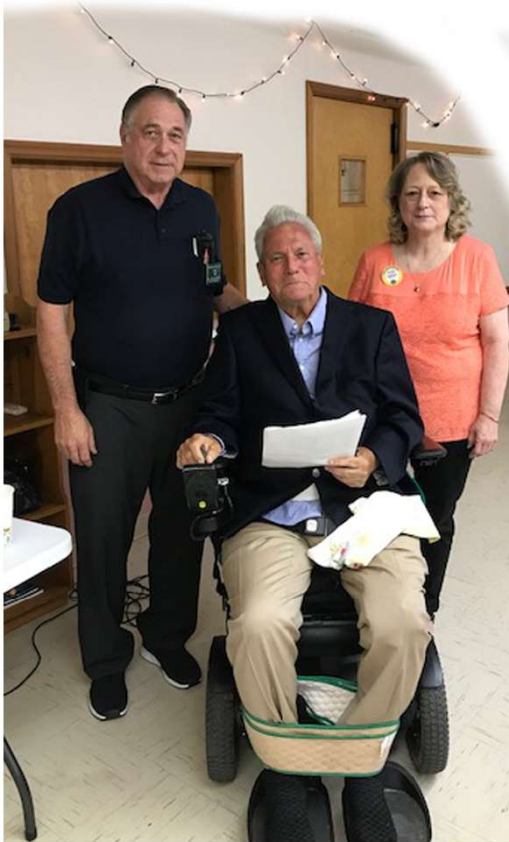


Lion Tony presenting to Baker Middle School (lower left) and Hallie Wells Middle School (lower right)





Lion Tammy presenting to Little Bennett Elementary School, (above left) Woodfield Elementary School (above) and Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School. (above right)



Lion Barbara presenting to Clarksburg High School Leo Club (right), Damascus High School Leo Club (lower right) and Rocky Hill Leo Club (below) & the 2 Leo of the Years



Youth Night Organizer Ray Molesworth, Master of Ceremonies Mike Thornett and King Lion Chris Fletcher

**Damascus Lions Club~ Board of Directors Meeting - held after the regular dinner meeting
7 May 2019 ~Wesley Grove UMC (following club meeting)**

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		T. Barry, Asst. T-Twister		T. Jackson, Dir.	X
W. Marr, 3 rd VP		M. Carr, Tamer		T. Gladhill, Dir.	X
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	X	J. Washington, IPP	

Items covered during the club meeting that need not be repeated for the board meeting:

- Shredfest was a success with 125 cars coming through.
- Bob Breiner has stepped down as the 3rd VP for 2019-20. Julie Sain has been elected in his place.
- Our next Pancake Breakfast will be July 13th. Tickets will be available after Youth Night. Ruppert Landscaping is sponsoring our tickets this time.
- There is a blood drive scheduled for 5/16.
- The Golf Tournament is June 3rd. See Charlie Hertel to help out.
- The White Cane collections totaled just over \$3,000, including collections made during the Shredfest.
- Road cleanup was done 2 weeks ago. Thanks to those who helped.
- Some of our excess medical equipment was sent to Sri Lanka to assist with care following the recent bombings. We were contacted and happy to pass on excess equipment to help others.
- We will attend a Keys game in style in June. Tess will make arrangements for the premium picnic and seats. Tickets will be \$32 each and include a buffet at 6 with the game at 7. We need a minimum of 25 for this deal. More details forthcoming.
- Installation Night is scheduled for June 18th at Montgomery Country Club. RSVP to Lion Bob Snapp.
- The theme for Damascus Days is Fire & Safety as it is also the 75th anniversary of the DVFD. Our flea market will be held on July 13th.
- Our next meeting is May 21st at Wesley Grove. It is Youth Night.

The board meeting was called to order at 8:45pm by KL Chris Fletcher.

The minutes of the March meeting were amended to correct the net income of the club income and expenses. The number was correct, but it should have shown a net increase, not a loss. Minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurers Reports: April statements were submitted and approved as follows in summary:

	Club	Foundation
Income	796	8
Expenses	1,067	1,830
Net	-271	-1,822

- We will continue to sponsor the prizes for most entries for children and teens at the Damascus Community Fair.
- We will no longer run an ad in the Montgomery County Ag Fair booklet as the district has stopped bringing in the LCOF screening trailer. We will continue to dip ice cream.
- The Memorial Day Committee is looking for donations of water, sports drinks and snacks. We will not make a donation at this time.

Secretary Report:

- Our 5 star activity report for 2018-19 was submitted on April 30th. Recognition will be done at the MD22 Convention. We should qualify for the 5 star plus the Governors Special Award.
- A note of thanks was received from the Thornetts. Mike is back home now.

Committees:

- **Shredfest:** We filled the dumpster at the church with used cardboard boxes. This will require an extra pickup for the church. We approved a motion to pay for the additional expense for the church and next year we will cart off our used cardboard.
- **Preschool screening camera:** It has been learned that the district has purchased a second camera with the plan of keeping one in the north end of the district and one in the south. Consequently, we will not purchase our own, nor will we participate in a zone purchase. The next scheduled screening is May 22nd at Montgomery UMC in conjunction with the New Market Lions Club.

Old Business:

- **Budget for 2019-20:** The proposed club budget was accepted. An additional change was made to the Foundation budget to include an annual donation to Damascus United Methodist Church of \$1,000 and for that donation to be made immediately and annually at the time of Shredfest in the future. The donation will be made at a church board meeting by the president. An increase in the budget amount for Leo club support to \$1,300 to include an award for the Leo of the Year and miscellaneous additional support. With these changes, the Foundation budget was approved.
- **Pancakes:** Approval granted to provide a gift card for \$100 to Tom & Ray's for Kenny Sue Robertson in appreciation of her support and services during our pancake breakfasts this year. In the future, Lion Julie is certified to fill that role. We are grateful for the time Kenny Sue has provided.
- **Membership:** We have not gotten a response from our recent prospective members. Each sponsor to reach out and see where these prospects are and if they will be joining the club. LCI has extended the \$35/new member grant to June 30th.
- **District Training:** KLE Patricia will attend the 1st training session and Lions Del & Marcia will attend the 2nd session. Still need to hear back from Lion Tammy to see if she will be able to attend the membership session or if an alternate should be found.
- **Bus trip to Lions Camp Merrick:** This trip is being run out of Leisure World to join the campers for dinner on July 10th. Limited seating is available. It's a great way to see the camp in action. Let Marcia know if you wish to attend. \$30 includes transportation and dinner. To date, the following Lions have signed up: Bobbie Warfield, Wayne Marr, Mary Frances Gosnell and Marcia Holpuch.

The June board meeting will be held on the 4th at Gladhills and the 'regular meeting' will be on the 11th at the Keys game.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35pm, Respectfully Submitted, ~Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

Time to Celebrate

June Birthdays:

Ann Davis	6/2
Charlie Hertel	6/16
Jenn Hyde	6/17
Vahe Aghamalian	6/26

Partners in Service

Bonnie Mayhew (Del)	6/19
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June Anniversaries:

Bob & Colleen Newlin	6/16- 1 year!
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Upcoming Events

June 3 – Golf Tournament Glade Valley Golf Course
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June 4- Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

June 11 – Lions Dinner at the Frederick Keys, for
more information contact Lion Tess at
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June 18 – Damascus Lions Installation Night
at Montgomery Country Club, Laytonsville MD
for more information contact Lion Bob Snapp at
301-788-6701

July 13 – Pancake Breakfast, for more information
contact Lion Mary Frances at
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