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# LION'S TALE



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## **The President's Message**



The first event in April that the Damascus Lions participated in was the District 22-C Night that was held on April 6 in Lanham MD. The 22-C Honor Band started the evening off which was followed by scholarships being presented by Lion Charlie Holpuch, Chairperson of the District

Band. Three Damascus students were awarded scholarships. Later in the evening, Lion Marcia Holpuch was one of four recipients of the International President's Certificate of Appreciation. This is the 4th highest award given by Lions Clubs International and is given to Lions who have performed a significant service to the association. Congratulations Lion Marcia. On April 9th, I joined Lion Mary Dehart and other Lions from around the District for Vision Screenings at St. John the Evangelist School in Silver Spring. On April 27, Lion Tony Barry had his crew out for another Road Cleanup. Thank you Lion Tony and crew. As I am writing this, we have just finished up White Cane week and 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. Because some of our board members will be attending the Multiple District Convention, our meeting on May 7 will be combining dinner and board meeting. The next Blood Drive is May 16<sup>th</sup> and Youth Night is May 21<sup>st</sup>. In June, we have the Golf Tournament on Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please see Lion Charlie Hertel if you are able to help out. The family picnic will be on June 4. The last activity for the 2019-2020 year will be Installation Night to be held on June 18 at the Montgomery Country Club. Keep up the great work everyone!

KL Chris Fletcher

## APRIL EVENTS

### 22C NIGHT- April 6

We had a delightful group of Lions attend the 75th annual 22-C Social at the Best Western Beltway, Lanham on Saturday, April 6th. The following delegation represented the Damascus Club: Lions Mary Frances Gosnell, Sue Suddath, KL Chris Fletcher, Barbara Barry, Martin Carr, Joe Howerton, Marcia Holpuch, George & Viola Hibbard.

Thanks to the support of Lions across the District, the Honor Band played at 22-C Night again this year. If you thought the band looked bigger, it wasn't your imagination. We had 57 musicians under the baton of Mr. Joseph P. Scott of the University of Maryland School of Music. 98 students were nominated by 12 high school band directors and the final ensemble included 7 freshmen, 9 sophomores, 21 juniors and 20 seniors. They worked very hard to prepare for the concert which consisted of four challenging pieces. Two high school directors attended the dress rehearsal on Friday and enjoyed seeing their students reaching deep to bring out the nuances of the music and how Mr. Scott guided them to improve their sound and technique. In all, 14 seniors were eligible to audition for scholarships and 10 scholarships were presented, totaling \$10,300. Your club donations make this possible and the students are grateful for your support both as a fantastic audience as well as their scholarship benefactors. 25 clubs made band scholarship donations this year. 30 band parents joined the Lions attending 22-C Night. Scholarship winners from Damascus this year were Andrew Wingerd, Bassoon, \$650, James Zambrano, Clarinet, \$1,000, and Andrew Doerrler, French Horn, \$1,600. Andrew is a member of the brass quintet that played for our holiday party. (See Picture page 4)

The District 22-C Humanitarian Award was presented to Cheryl Banks, with the University of Maryland Capital Region Health Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center.

Many awards and recognitions were handed out including the International President's Certificate of Appreciation.

Our very own Marcia Holpuch was selected for this International recognition for her work with the Lions 22-C Honor Band. Her award was a certificate and a pin from the International President. This is a big deal!!

Congratulations to all deserving honorees.

Lions Barbara Barry & Marcia Holpuch



### ROAD CLEAN UP- April 27

It was a perfect Saturday morning for a road cleanup, we beat the wind. 5 members of the Damascus Lions club and one friend participated in the road cleanup of our adopted road, Valley Park road, we collected 3 large bags of trash. The following members participated in the event.

Lion Daniel A. (Tony) Barry (AAR Chairman)  
Lion George Hibbard  
Lion Chris Fletcher  
Lion Wayne Marr  
Lion John Washington  
Out of Town Friend, Jeff Warren



## MAY EVENTS

### WHIT CANE DAYS

Damascus Lions: Congratulations! We raised a total of \$3,057.70 last per shift; not an all-time high, but very good. Absolutely every shift was important to our total week! This includes \$1,972.70 from storefront collections Wednesday through Friday, and an incredible \$1,085.00 at the Shredfest on Saturday. Twenty-two dedicated Damascus Lions performed storefront collections over twenty-eight two-hour shifts. This was the fewest number of storefront Lions on record. We averaged \$70.45 per shift. Out of thirty scheduled shifts, we had only two shifts un-covered. Think the word: "Lion" in front of every name in the article!

As always, special thanks go to our White Cane committee members who served as Managers of the Day: Del Mayhew and Tom Jackson. And thanks also go to our money counters: George Hibbard, Tom Jackson, and Del & Bonnie Mayhew. But the biggest thanks always go to you twenty-two storefront-collection Lions; listed below.

#### Special Recognitions:

There were THREE Club members who collected **Over-\$100-in-One-Shift!** And other members collected over \$100 across multiple shifts. Here are the three: Jack Peters (\$115.93), Barbara Barry (\$114.12), and Warren & Joy Schwab (\$100.24).

The Bert Lahr Courageous Lion award goes to Charlie and Carol Stone. They were unable to collect at a storefront because of a family illness. But instead they wrote a White Cane check to the club that about tripled the amount they didn't collect. It took real courage to write that check!

#### Storefront Lions:

Here is the list of Damascus Lions who gave of their time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses):  
Aghamalian, B. Barry, Fletcher(3!), Gladhill,

Gosnell(2!), C. Hertel(2!), T. Hertel, Hibbard, Holpuch, Howerton(2!), Jackson, Marr(2!), Molesworth, Newlin, Peters, Redifer-Allen, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Snapp, Suddath, Warfield, Washington(2!). Thank you, one and all storefront Lions!

Lion Wayne Marr

### SHREDFEST- May 4

The weather couldn't have been better as we held our 2019 Shredfest at the Damascus United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 4. Our success was due in great measure to the following hard-working lions—Mary Francis Gosnell, Chris Fletcher, Warren Schwab, Bob Snapp, Wayne Marr, Patsy McKenzie, Del Mayhew, and Charlie and Carol Stone (and Chip). In the 3 hours we worked, we collected paper from 125 cars, received a little over \$1,000 in contributions, and listened as many, many people thanked us for providing them such a convenient opportunity to safely get rid of their important papers. Many thanks to the wonderful people mentioned above who helped make our shredfest such a "roaring" success.

Respectfully Submitted

Joe Howerton and Julie Sain

## Upcoming Events

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST- July 13

Lions, mark your calendar for the July 13 Pancake Breakfast. Tickets will be available to sell at the May 7 meeting and the June 4 Picnic. This is Celebrate Damascus Days and the Lions will also have a Flea Market. We will need all the help we can get as we will be spread fairly thin!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

## Time to Celebrate

### May Birthdays:

Warren Schwab	5/9
Wayne Marr	5/19
John Washington	5/24
Joe Howerton	5/25
Sue Suddath	5/26
Joann Woodson	5/26 *
Nick Holpuch	5/27
Rahul Suthar	5/30

\*Significant Birthday

### Partners in Service

Barbara Aghamalian (Vahe)	5/21
Marcia Allen (Anthony)	5/23

### May Anniversaries:

Tammy & Charlie Hertel	5/2	32 years
Anthony & Marcia Allen	5/12	
Julie & Tom Sain	5/14	5 years



## Upcoming Events

**May 7** – Dinner & Board Meeting Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

**May 7 - 10** – Multiple 22 Convention/ Ocean City, Maryland.

**May 21** – Youth Night/ Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

### Upcoming Blood Drives

May 16

August 22

November 7

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# APRIL BOARD MINUTES

Damascus Lions Club ~ Board of Directors Meeting - held in conjunction with regular meeting

2 April 2019 ~ Wesley Grove UMC (following club meeting)

Board Members:					
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	x	T. Jackson, Dir.	X
W. Marr, 3 <sup>rd</sup> VP	X	M. Carr, Tamer	X	T. Gladhill, Dir.	X
M. Holpuch, Secretary	X	W. Schwab, Asst. Tamer	X	J. Howerton, Dir.	
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: J. Peters, B. Warfield

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

- Shredfest is Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Damascus UMC. The bank is not helping this year. Budget of \$500 to cover the cost of the truck. Volunteers needed to help with the shred and traffic control from 9-noon.
  - The slate of officers for 2019-20 was approved.
  - Send an email to KL Chris if you wish to contribute to VDG Sonia's campaign
  - March pancake breakfast served 255 with a profit of \$2,937.56. \$95 was collected in jars at the tables, \$350 at the bake table and \$2,492 in ticket sales.
  - 16 children were screened with 2 referrals at a preschool last week.
  - White Cane is scheduled for May 1-3. 19 people have signed up so far for the 30 available slots. Please help if you can.
- CVS is under new management and must be retrained on our fundraiser there.

The meeting was called to order at 8:17pm by KL Chris Fletcher.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

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

	Club	Foundation
Income	4,055	5,709
Expenses	1,740	2,969
Net	-2,315	2,740

Addition to 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fund 160

**President Report:**

- There is a zone meeting coming up on April 10<sup>th</sup>. KL Chris will explore the cost of a preschool screening camera along with potential funding for use at our end of the district. If it seems feasible, she will propose that the clubs in Region 1, Zone 1 join together to purchase a camera for use locally.
- Officer Training for 2019-20 has been scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> (Southern MD) and June 1 (Leisure World) from 8:30 to noon. All officers for next year need to be trained.
- The Sandy Spring club golf tournament is May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Secretary Report:**

- We are in good shape for our 5-star recognition, only lagging in membership.

**Committees:**

- **MD 22 Convention:** 4 delegates will be representing Damascus this year at Ocean City.
- **Kites Over Clarksburg:** KL Chris made some membership contacts at the event and will follow up with them.
- **Installation Night:** Notes from past Deputy Director from the 1976 Damascus Installation Night will be laid out to enjoy during the evening. These were shared with us by Lion Jim Pope of the Montgomery Central-Derwood club.
- **Budget:** Youth budget adjustment was requested to remove Peace Poster funds to a separate line item for \$500 and retain full youth budget. Approved.

**Old Business:**

- **Website:** Can we remove our minutes from the website or secure them behind a members only login? If we can have a secure space, then can we also post member contact information there for easier access?

Our next board meeting will follow the first May meeting on 5/7/19. Please review proposed budgets for approval at the May meeting. Reminder that Youth Night is May 21<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09pm, Respectfully Submitted, ~Marcia Holpuch, Secretary



# **Damascus Lions Club 16th Annual Golf Tournament Glade Valley Golf Club**

**10502 Glade Road, Walkersville MD 21793**

**Monday, June 3, 2019**

**Shotgun Start – 9:00 a.m.**

**Registration: 7:30-8:45 a.m.**

**Entry Deadline May 29**

**Buffet luncheon with awards and prizes during reception immediately following**

**\*\*\*Four Person Best Ball, Captains Choice, Mulligans, 50/50 Raffle,  
Door Prizes, Longest Drive, Closest to Pin, Double your money**

**Dear Area Business Associates, Friends and Neighbors**

**The Damascus Lions Club is excited to announce our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, June 3, 2019 at Glade Valley Golf Club to benefit the Damascus Lions Club community. 100% of the proceeds from the golf tournament will go toward the community. We provide medical equipment, Blood Drives, Scholarships to local students and organizations, collect eye glasses, provide support to the community with food and other services as needed. The Damascus Lions Club is actively seeking sponsorship and players for the golf tournament. Please join us for a memorable day of golf and fun at the Glade Valley Golf Club to help support the Lions Club.**

**Please help make our Annual Golf Tournament a big success. Please fill out the registration Sponsorship form today and return to Lion Charlie Hertel at 11700 Piedmont Rd. Clarksburg, MD 20871. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lion Bob Snapp 301-788-6701 or Lion Charlie Hertel 301-353-0424/301-370-6411 or email [charlie@chtelco.com](mailto:charlie@chtelco.com)**

**Please visit our website at: [DamascusLions.Org](http://DamascusLions.Org)**

**Thank you for your continued support of the Damascus Lions Club.**

**Sincerely,**

**Lion Chris Fletcher**

**President**