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The President's Message



Can you Guess Where I am ?

*It's not how much you
have that makes
people look up to you,
it's who you are.*

*Elvis Aaron Presley,
one of the U. S.
Jaycees 10
Outstanding Young
Men Honorees of 1970*

Today, more than 40
years after his death,
it's common
knowledge that Elvis
was generous. He gave
jewelry and Cadillacs to

friends, family and strangers on a whim. What is not commonly known is that Elvis donated heavily to local and national organizations including the Lions Club. Coming from humble beginnings, Elvis knew what it felt like to do without and he did his best to share his gifts, musically and financially. As Lions we also strive to better the lives of others through our gifts of time and money. The satisfaction of helping others is our just reward!

AUGUST EVENTS

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING- August 10

On August 10, 2019, I attended the Advisory meeting at Leisure World. At this meeting, I witnessed the workings of the Lions Club on a different level. I listened to the Past International President Clement Kusiak speak of his experience leading Lions from different walks of life. Lions from cities

and countries with vast cultural differences from our club in Damascus, Maryland but still all acting under the same motto—We Serve.

As part of his remarks PIP Kusiak spoke of obtaining and retaining members. He singled out the Damascus Lions Club—the only club he mentioned by name—for a practice that impressed him. That practice was the designation of one individual in the club that would be the “closer” in signing up new members. This memory he spoke of was probably 15-20 years old and he still thought it worthy of mention all these years later at a meeting of about 75 Lions. This is the second time I have witnessed one of our old practices being singled out as an example. Neither of these practices are in place any longer. I want us to be that example club again. I need your help in my efforts so please share your ideas and thoughts. What about our old practice? Do we have a volunteer to be our “closer”? The membership committee has done a great job in the last few years but we always need new members!

Road Cleanup- August 17

Six members of the Damascus Lions club participated in the road cleanup of our adopted road, Valley Park road, we collected 3 large bags of trash. I want to thank the following members who participated in the event

Lion Barbara Barry

Lion Del Mayhew

Lion Wayne Marr

Lion Ray Molesworth

Lion Vahe Aghamalian

Lion Daniel A. (Tony) Barry (AAR Chairman)

Blood Drive- August 22

August 22nd, 2019 we had a blood drive at DUMC and collected 41 units of blood.

I would like to thank Lion Joy and Warren Schwab for all of their continued support for this drive.

Partner in service Cathy Heinbaugh and her staff did an excellent job of recruiting and working the sign in table and the canteen. We feel blessed to have them for all they do to make the Blood Drive a success!!

I also came in and gave a pint of blood:)

Lion Charlie Hertel

DID YOU KNOW that Lion Tony Barry

...

Is a member of Mensa?

After graduating college, was hired by a computer company in Ireland but was sent to the US to train for a year. This is where he met his wife and the rest is history.

Owned several jeeps and would compete in mud bogging competitions.

Upcoming Events:

DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR

SEPT 6-8

74th ANNUAL DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR

SEPTEMBER 6 -8, 2019

Mark your calendars for the Damascus

Community Fair - The fair is celebrating its 74th Anniversary, a tradition of agricultural heritage for young and old in the Damascus Community. A fair that is run by all volunteers. A fair with an exhibit hall full of exhibits from foods, flowers, photography, art, handicraft to woodworking; barns of animals, poultry and grains: educational displays, entertainment and good food - all with no admission nor parking fees!!! An absolute COMMUNITY FAIR!

Damascus Lions has offered free popcorn to the fair attendees for past 19 years, handing out approximately 2000 bags each year using about 50 pounds of popcorn kernels. We serve students on Friday morning as the schools bus them in to tour the fair. In the afternoon day care, young and old, visit the fair. Friday night, the public embark upon the fair grounds for the various activities; one being the Ice Cream Making Contest which the Lions are competing with a team, crowning of the Fair King and Queen and live entertainment as well as to see if their entries won a ribbon! Saturday dawns with a Fun Run for kids and then animal shows, Pet Show and entertainment along with good food from the fire

department members. In the evening is the popular Cake and Animal Auction which proves to be very profitable as well as interesting event. Sunday brings forth more animal shows and Pet Show, the Grandparents Program and closing of the fair. A huge tent on the grounds houses vendors sharing their wares or introducing you to their services. All in All, there is something for everyone and beyond that - It Is All Free!!!

So don your Lions shirt, hat and/or vest and let the community know that Damascus Lions are roaring to help by signing up to help in the following ways -

- Lion Tess Gladhill needs help with the entries on Thursday evening, Sept. 5, from 4 to 8 PM. Sign-up sheet at the Sept. 3 meeting or email Tess. No prior experience necessary – on-the-spot training!
- The Popcorn Booth needs Lions to help with the popcorn, packaging it and greeting the fair goers with the handout from Friday morning until Sunday afternoon. Ideally, three Lions per shift.
- The Membership Committee needs your help in spreading the word about Lionism and our club.
- The Ice Cream Team can always use churners as well as some cheerleaders! Contact Lion Barbara Barry

A sign-up sheet (page 6) with hours that help is needed for the Thursday entry night and the 3 day popcorn booth is included in this Lions Tale and will be available at the Sept. 3rd dinner meeting for all of you to tell us when you can lend a hand. Two and three hour shifts and you have served! Should you not be in attendance at the Sept. 3 meeting, please email me with your time slot you wish to help at the popcorn booth. Damascus LIONS continue to find ways to serve our COMMUNITY! See you at the 74th Damascus Community Fair!
Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

2019-2020 Visitation Program

Last year the club successfully completed all required visitations to qualify for the Five Star Award. It is now time to start over for the coming Lion's Year. This year I am approaching visitations in a different manner. In this Lions Tale I have provided a table (page 6) of all Lions Clubs in District 22C, Region 1, Zones 1 & 2; and Region 2, Zone 1. These are the closest District 22C clubs to Damascus. The table contains meeting times, places and contact information for the club secretary. In the future, I will be providing the same information about the clubs in neighboring District 22W that includes Frederick and Carroll Counties. I am eliminating the 3x5 cards that I have used in the past. A visitation is defined as attendance at another club's regular meeting, zone meeting, charter night, fundraiser or social event. Call, email or text the club secretary at least one week prior to your anticipated meeting date. REMEMBER that fund raisers such as bingo, breakfasts, dinners, carnivals, yard sales, train shows, etc. count as a visitation but you need to be physically present at the event. You do not have to notify the secretary if you are making a visit to a fund raiser.

Please notify me with the name of the club that you are planning to visit. After the visitation is made, notify me at JRMolesworth03@gmail.com with the name of the club visited, activity visited and the date of the visit. I can also provide information about any other club you may like to visit in the Multiple District 22.

Lion Ray Molesworth

Time to Celebrate

September Birthdays:

Carol Stone	9/1
Suresh Malhotra	9/10
Roy Stanley	9/19
Anthony Allen	9/30

Partners in Service

Colleen Newlin (Bob)	9/10
Dave Allen (Jenny)	9/13
Melissa Washington (John)	9/14
Kathy Thornett	9/17

September Anniversaries:

Tony & Barbara Barry	9/5 (32 yrs)
Del & Bonnie Mayhew	9/8 (57 yrs)
Joe & Angie Howerton	9/13 (13 yrs)
John & Melissa Washington	9/20 (39 yrs)
John & Katie Holpuch	9/28 (6 years)

Upcoming Events

September 3 – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove
United Methodist

September 6-8- Damascus Community Fair
Popcorn, for more information contact Lion Mary
Frances @ mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com

September 6- Damascus Community Fair Ice cream
churning, for more information contact Lion
Barbara @ barrybar24@gmail.com

September 10 - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

September 17 – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove
United Methodist, Prospective Member Night

October 1 – Charter Night- Details coming soon

75th Anniversary Celebration

The 75th Committee is pilfering thru the Clubs archives in preparing to update the clubs history for the 75th celebration.

We are looking for

- Rosters from 1946 – 1974. 1975 – 1981
- Certificates and/or Recognitions/Acknowledgements
- Boy Scout and Cub Scout Charters etc
- Recent Secretary Records
- Old and recent Lions Tales
- Leo Info – Charters etc
- Any other records that may be helpful

Should you have any of these items that you would like to share, contact Lion Mary Frances



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Damascus Lions Club ~ Board of Directors Meeting ~ 20 Aug 2019 ~Gladhill Brothers

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

The board meeting was called to order by QL Patricia McKenzie at 6:59pm. The minutes of the July meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurers Reports: The July reports for the club and foundation were submitted and approved. Dues payments have been received in August and are not reflected on the July statement.

	Club	Foundation
Income	270	4,041
Expense	2,197	7,025
Net	-1,927	-2,984

- The plaque to commemorate the DVFD was purchased for presentation at their 75th anniversary dinner.

Committees:

- **Membership:** Ideas were discussed for ways to bring in new members. Each club member is reminded to reach out to friends and neighbors about joining the club. QL Patsy to spend a few minutes talking about membership at the next meeting.
- **Community Fair:** Popcorn has been purchased, delivered, and is ready to go. Helpers are needed for popcorn as well as registering fair entries on Thursday night.
- **Meetings:** Marcia was asked to send our fall calendar to Terri at Wesley Grove so they have our list of upcoming activities.

Old Business:

- **Montgomery County Fair:** We have been presented with a bill for \$42.50 for our share of the ad in the fair book for the dairy barn. No one present at the meeting authorized this expense. We will try to find out who did authorize it. It was felt that there is little need and no return on advertising the dairy barn. It does okay without it and we would like to discontinue the ad. It was agreed that we would pay this bill as our fair share of the clubs in the dairy barn. In other fair business, donations received during dipping will be sent to Lions Camp Merrick.

New Business:

- **Where Angels Play Foundation:** Zone Chair Rodrick has asked that we send 4 people to assist with this event in Gaithersburg on Sept. 14th from 9 - 3. A sign-up sheet will be passed at the next meeting. Please wear Lion garb and be a goodwill ambassador for the organization.
- **Next dinner meeting:** History night of the Damascus Lions. Fun things will be shared. This is also our photo meeting. Members are reminded to wear Lions shirts for a fun photo.
- **Past speaker:** The presentation from the Gettysburg Foundation was enjoyed. Approved to send donation of \$75 in support of their programs.
- **Blood Drive:** There is a blood drive on Thursday.
- **Zone Meeting:** The next zone meeting is Thursday, September 19th at Montgomery College.
- **Baker Flag Ceremony:** Lions are encouraged to attend the flag ceremony at Baker Middle School on Monday, September 16th. There are 2 ceremonies, one a 8:54am and the 2nd at 9:46am. Show them that Lions Care!

The meeting adjourned at 8:41pm

Respectfully Submitted,

~Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

**DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR
POPCORN SIGNUP SHEET
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019**

8 AM – 11 AM 3 Lions	4 PM – 6:30 PM - 3 Lions	6:30 PM – 9 PM 3 – 4 Lions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

11 AM – 2 PM – 3 Lions	2 PM – 5 PM – 3 - 4 Lions	5 PM – 8 PM 3 - 4 Lions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – 3 Lions-----	1:30 PM – 3:30 PM - 3 Lions

Ideally, need 3 people per shift

Sign- up to take Entries Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019

4 pm – 6 pm	6 pm – 8 pm

District 22C, Region 1, Zones 1&2; Region 2, Zone 1 Meeting Times, Places				
Club	Meeting Day of Month	Time	Meeting Place	Club Secretary Contact Information
Region 1, Zones 1&2				
Burtonsville	2 nd Wednesday	7:00 PM	Seibels's Restaurant, 15540 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD	Kathy Richardson-Booker, (301) 549-1804 safeandsecurepets.verizon.com
Colesville	4 th Tuesday	6:30 PM	Aspenwood Senior Community Center, 14400 Homecrest Rd, Silver Spring, MD	Dale E. Meyerdirk, (301) 989-9714 Dalemeyerdirk@aol.com
Laytonsville	2 nd and 4 th Thursday	6:59 PM	Mt. Tabor UMC, 24101 Laytonsville RD, Laytonsville, MD	Carole Kearse, (301) 926-2011; cell (301) 520-3377 carolekearse@gmail.com
Leisure World	3 rd Monday	6:00 PM	Clubhouse Two Leisure World, 3300 Leisure World Blvd, Silver Spring, MD	Deborah E. Pace, (301) 598-2052 Bakisadeja2014@hotmail.com
Monocacy	2 nd Monday	7:00 PM	St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 20100 Fisher Ave., Poolesville, MD	Roger Brenholtz, cell (301) 814-9813, rbrenholtz@mac.com
Montgomery Central-Derwood	1 st and 3 rd Tuesday	5:00 PM	Outta The Way Café, 17503 Redland Road, Derwood, MD	James Pope, (301) 208-8070 dmjlp@aol.com
Olney	2 nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Montgomery Country Club, 20908 Golf View Dr., Laytonsville, MD	William K. Jones, (301) 977-3607 Wmkjones22@yahoo.com
Potomac	2 nd Tuesday	6:30 PM	Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac, MD	Hossein Moraveji, (301) 762-8665; cell (240) 671-5064 Himm97@yahoo.com
Rockville	1 st and 3 rd Wednesday	7:00 PM	Montgomery College Rockville Campus, Science Center Bldg, Room 152 S1 Mannakee Drive, Rockville, MD	Jon R. Ingelfield, (240) 380-8959 or (301) 846-6855 Rocklions.22c@gmail.com
Sandy Spring	4 th Monday	7:00 PM	Oak Room, SSVFD, 17921 Brooke Rd., Sandy Spring, MD	Raye Litten, (301) 260-9598; cell (240) 888-1371 rzlitten@gmail.com
Takoma Park	3 rd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Vicino Italian Restaurant, 959 Sligo Ave, Silver Spring, MD	Michael Hall, (301) 384-9209; cell (301) 412-2888
Region 2, Zone 1				
Beltsville	1 st Wednesday	7:00 PM	Old Line Fine Wine, Spirits, & Bistro, 11011 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville, MD	Michael P. Musachio, cell (240) 383-0268 musachm@msm.com
Bowie	1 st and 3 rd Monday	6:44 PM	Bowie Lions Den, Rt. 197 13108 11 th Street, Bowie, MD	Thomas Lackey, cell (240) 893-5608 Liontom983@gmail.com
Laurel	2 nd and 4 th Tuesday	6:00 PM	Laurel VFD, 8711 Cherry Lane/Van Dusen Rd., Laurel, MD	Kathy Brannan, Cell (301) 604-3654; (301) 458-4112 Tinkerbell0958@yahoo.com
Silver Spring	2 nd Tuesday	6:30 PM	Koi Restaurant, 12040 Cherry Hill Rd., Silver Spring, MD	James Swab, email only James.swab@verizon.net
Suburban	3 rd Thursday	6:30 PM	Lambert's Seafood Restaurant, 10825 Lanham-Severn Rd., Glenn Dale, MD	Christina Mallory, cell (301) 356-5115; (202) 478-5227 lionchrismallory@gmail.com