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Our November 5 meeting...belated Halloween Celebration



From left to right: QL Minnie Mouse, a pile of leaves, a witch, 2 Washington Nationals players and Peppermint Patti.

QL Patsy with Guest Speaker Al Redmer Jr. on our

October 15
meeting



NOVEMBER EVENTS

Blood Drive - November 7

We had our third blood drive at DUMC on Thursday November 7th, 2019 for year 2019 - 2020. We collected 50 units of blood for the American Red Cross. This is our highest number since we have been organizing drives at DUMC. We would like to thank partner in service Cathy Heinbaugh for her coordinating this drive and then leaving it to Lion David Hull and her fully capable staff to make for a very successful drive. We would like to thank Lion Warren for bringing Lion Joy to work the canteen along with Lion Sue Suddath and Lion Chris Fletcher for posting all of the fliers around town.

We only had two Lions donate blood. Let's see if we can change that for the next drive.

Our next blood drive is on Thursday February 6th, 2020.

Lion Charlie Hertel

Holiday Wreaths – Nov 29

Lions Light Up Damascus on Black Friday

On Friday Nov 29, 2019 the Lions club of Damascus continued a 30 year tradition by hanging the Christmas wreaths on the lamp posts throughout Damascus. Eight lions and six friends of Lions gathered at the Damascus McDonalds at 9am on Friday morning and after a brief "how to" clinic given by Lion Tony Barry, they split up into 4 teams and began hanging the wreaths.

The weather cooperated nicely this year. The temperature was about 45 and the wind was calm. The 4 teams completed hanging 46 wreaths in about an hour. Lions Joe Howerton, Tony Barry, Ray Molesworth, Barbara Barry, Bob Snapp, Mark Searles, Del Mayhew and Jack Peters made short work of the 46 lamp posts and the team had completed the project by 10:15am. The friends of the Lions who helped were Ryan Muse, CJ Muse, Nick Doan, John Barry, Victoria Barry and Elizabeth Barry.



A special word of thanks to Lion Charlie Hertel who loaned his three step ladders to the Lions club for the execution of the project.

The Lions will take the Christmas wreaths down in early January.

Lion Tony Barry



Lions Eye Box

The Damascus Lions club has been collecting used eyeglasses from the community for well over 40 years and has been using these eyeglasses as an important part of its mission to assist needy people with refurbished eyeglasses.

An integral part of the eyeglass collection process is an old US Post Office box that was acquired by the club many decades ago. The Post Office box had been painted in Lions Club Yellow and Purple and had sat outside the Damascus Volunteer Fire Station for decades providing a prominent and convenient location for people to donate their used and unwanted eyeglasses.

In recent years, however, the eyeglass collection box had begun to show its age. The hinge on the deposit flap had rusted out as had the front door hinge. The floor of the box had also rusted and there were several rust holes on the front door. The box had become unusable.

The chairman of the Damascus Lions Used Eye Glass and Hearing Aid Collection, Lion Del Mayhew, approached Lion Tony Barry in March 2019 to discuss the possibility of repairing the box. Shortly after the discussion Lion Tony transported the box from the Damascus Fire Station to his workshop and began the repairs. The box was disassembled and sandblasted down to bare metal. The rust holes in the floor and door and other areas were repaired and new hinges were installed in the deposit flap and on the front door. The entire box was primed and painted using John Deere yellow and the box was accented with Lions Club Purple.

Once the repairs were made and the painting was complete, Lion Tony brought the box to Dovetail Signs, Printing and Woodworking to have the Lions decals and lettering installed on the box. Dovetail has always been a generous partner to the Damascus Lions club and they did an excellent job with the lettering. Pat Powers of Dovetail pointed out that they had done the lettering on the box the first time which they estimated was sometime in the 1980's.

Lion Tony returned the refurbished eyeglass box to its place outside the Damascus Fire station in November 2019. We all hope the box provides another 40 years of service to the Damascus Lions club and the Damascus community.

Lion Tony Barry.



Upcoming Events:

Holiday Baskets

YEAR END GIVING

Lions - Just a Thought!

In making your year-end donations, consider the Damascus Lion Foundation, Inc.!

All donations are used for our Local and Worldly Community Projects and are 100% tax deductible!

Not many non-profit organizations can boast this pledge of serving our communities.

Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) CAMPAIGN 100 is all about empowering service locally and worldwide. Lion Mary Frances has the form and will gladly send your donation into LCIF. Our Damascus Club gets the credit for the donation while we can add to our goal of honoring our members with Melvin Jones Fellowships! LCIF services the world thru many projects, areas hit with disasters, eradicating measles worldwide while focusing on Vision and Youth.

Happy Holidays!

Mary Frances Gosnell
Foundation Treasurer



Time to Celebrate

December Birthdays:

Martin Carr	12/5
Bob Breiner	12/5
Helen Boyer	12/15
Tony Barry	12/17
Del Mayhew	12/29*

*Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

Tom Sain (Julie)	12/12
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December Anniversaries:

None

Upcoming Events

December 3 – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

December 4- Senior Party, 12:30 pm Damascus Senior Center for more information contact Lion Sue Suddath

December 10 - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

December 14- Road clean up, for more information contact Lion Tony Barry daniel8bary@gmail.com

December 17 – Holiday Party, Wesley Grove United Methodist Church



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Damascus Lions Club ~ Board of Directors Meeting ~ 12 Nov 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	X	C. Hertel, Tail Twister		J. Redifer-Allen, Dir.	
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M. Holpuch, Secretary	X	J. Peters, Asst. Tamer		J. Howerton, Dir.	X
S. Suddath, Asst. Sec.	X	G. Hibbard, Chaplain		J. Schwab, Dir.	X
M.F. Gosnell, Fdn. Treas.	X	T. Hertel, Membership	X	C. Fletcher, IPP	X

The board meeting was called to order by QL Patricia McKenzie at 6:57pm. IPP Chris Fletcher indicated that the date of the health fair in the minutes of the October meeting should reflect the date of November 7th (not the 11th) and the minutes were accepted as amended.

Treasurers Reports: The October reports for the club and foundation were submitted and approved.

	Club	Foundation
Income	2,323	4,676
Expenses	2,919	2,732
Net	- 596	1,944
75 th Anniv. Fund	43	

Secretary: Thank you note was received from recipient of hearing aids. Lion Mary Frances worked with the recipient to get new hearing aids at a cost of \$250. Also a thank you from a Community Fair winner including a photo with her cow.

Committees:

- **Pancakes:** Estimate of net proceeds of \$2,400. The date for the March breakfast has not yet been set.
- **Holiday Baskets:** Lion Mary Frances reports that we were given 25 families that included a total of 102 children and 70 adults. Although we had requested 35 families, this distribution exceeds our past level of support by quite a bit and we will serve these 25 families and no more. The Tradesmen Motorcycle Club held their toy drive on Saturday. Some Lions attended and they were again very generous. We will not be collecting hats, gloves and mittens this year.
- **Senior Center Party:** The date of the December party is now scheduled for Wed., Dec. 11th at 1pm. Lion Sue welcomes all assistance at the Senior Center (Library building).
- **Peace Poster Contest:** We reviewed the 13 qualified entries for the contest this year and selected our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Lion Tammy will submit our winner for District consideration.
- **Blood Drives:** 50 units of blood were collected at the last drive. This is an increase over recent drives and a good sign.
- **Ice Cream Dipping:** QL Patricia would like to review the contract for next year before it is signed. We would like a larger percentage of the proceeds as it is a great amount of work to maintain the building and manage the oversight during the fair. We would like to know if the coupons are included in the calculation of commissions. This was impossible to ascertain by the single club recap we were given. We would need to see the overall numbers to tell if coupon sales are included or not. Lion Tammy will voice our concerns at the next Ag Fair meeting.

Old Business:

- **Boy Scout Troop 445:** Lion Marcia reports that we will retain the Troop 445 number for up to 2 years as allowed by the scouts. With the program now including female membership, we may reinstitute the Troop as a girl troop in the future.

New Business:

- **Tree Lighting:** We have been asked to participate in the Wesley Grove UMC tree lighting celebration this year. It will be held on Thursday, December 5th at 7pm at the church. We can collect eyeglasses, hearing aids and food for Damascus HELP. Lions are encouraged to attend and wear your vest.
- **Welcome Signs:** The welcome signs at the edge of town have faded to a soft pink. We should look at replacing them in the near future.
- **Preschool Vision Screening:** We will get the camera for Dec. 7th Breakfast with Santa at Gladhill's.
- **Web Site:** The web site hasn't been updated since March. We at least need access to the site to make updates if Lion Cindee is no longer able to update.
- **Long Term Storage:** We need a place to store club "stuff", for instance, pancake breakfast supplies, popcorn popper, white cane signage, banners, Lion costume, etc. Items are currently scattered at individual houses. Lion Mary Frances has looked into climate controlled storage in Mt. Airy that costs \$170 monthly for a 10x10 space. Does anyone have another suggestion?
- **Cub Scout Pack 438:** Lion Marcia reports that Chipotle won't do a fund raiser for the scouts due to their stance on gay leadership. She has asked that the Lions do a fund raiser that the scouts will promote and direct the proceeds to the Cub Scouts to defray some of the increase in dues this year. Targeting December 7th for the date. This was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39pm

Respectfully Submitted,

~Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

HOLIDAY BASKET TIMELINE 2019

*Holiday Giving Project will take place at
Gladhill Brothers, Route 27*

12/3/2019	Complete Team Sign ups, Distribute Stockings and List for Lions to fill
12/4/2019	Shopping for clothing
12/13/2019	Team Assignments sent out , Teams contact families
12/17/2019	Lions Holiday Party
12/18/2019	Pick-up Non-perishable foods from Schools and NRC - Bob Newlin Leader
6:00 PM	Sort non-perishable foods at Gladhill Bros. Route 27
12/19/2019 Noon - 7 pm	Teams Pack boxes, Ladies wrap clothing & pack gifts
12/20/2019 Noon - 5 pm	Teams Pack boxes, Do final packing up of family toys and clothes
12/21/2019 8 am - 10:30 ar	Deliver food and gifts to 35 families
	Excess food delivered to HELP Closet
	Clean-up
	Merry Christmas!

"Tis the season! We have only three weeks to put the project together and make it happen! Have you marked your calendar? We need all of us to participate in the project to help lighten the load. We have 25 families with 10 or more in some. We will hand out Christmas Stockings with a list of items at the Dec. 3 meeting, asking Lions to fill the stocking with the items and return it to the December 17 Holiday Party. I remind you that this Holiday Giving Project is one that our Club has participated in since its beginning - some 74 years ago. We are the "grandparent" of helping others during the Holiday Season! Serving our community in yet another Lions Project
Thank You Lions, Partners-In-Service, Families and Friends!
Happy Holidays, Mary Frances Gosnell Chair Holiday Giving Project