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The President's Message



Can you guess where I am?

The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined efforts of each individual.

VINCE LOMBARDI

Your fellow Lions have been busy around town in the last 6 weeks or so. I attended the 75th Anniversary celebration of the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department at the Clarion Inn in Frederick. It was a fabulous evening of fine dining and dancing. I presented a plaque from our Club congratulating the Department on 75 years of stellar service to our community and thanking them for their partnership with us in numerous projects over the years.

Another event attended by me, Chris Fletcher, Mary Frances Gosnell, Sue Suddath, Charlie Hertel and Jenny Redifer-Allen was the Flag Raising Ceremony at Baker Middle School. It was a moving ceremony; solemn, reflective and full of pageantry.

I also represented our Club at the Damascus Community Fair banquet, along with Chris Fletcher, Jenny Redifer-Allen and Tessie Gladhill (doing double duty as an integral part of the Fair organization!) I presented awards to industrious children and teens. (See pictures on page 6) They are a shining example of the family and farm-oriented nature of our community. Bruce Connelly, President of the Fair Board also gave a shout out to us as the team to beat at the Ice Cream Contest. We are a competitive force to be reckoned with in the community!

QL Pasty McKenzie

OCTOBER EVENTS

CHARTER NIGHT - October 1

Our 74th Charter Night was on October 1, 2019. It was a star-studded event attended by our own rockstar Lions, family, spouses of former Lions and luminaries from the Lions world, District Governor Sonia Wiggins, 1st Vice District Governor Ruth Moses, Cabinet Secretary Maxine Hooker, Cabinet Treasurer Larry Shelton and Zone Chair Arthur Hooker. We have a rich history and tradition of recognizing our own outstanding Lions and this was a special night of recognition. Thank you to each one of you for your service and for attending our birthday celebration. You made the night a huge success! I also want to thank District Governor Sonia Wiggins for her words of inspiration. In my opinion we are proving her confidence in us is well-deserved.



DID YOU KNOW THAT BEN LEWIS. . .

--quit his plumbing job at the age of 18 and with one truck started Ben Lewis Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning. As they say, the rest is history

--lives on a farm in Pennsylvania where he raises Angus cows

--serves the Angus beef he raises at his restaurant, The Potomac River Grille in Hancock, Maryland.

ROAD CLEANUP- October 19

On Saturday October 19, 7 members of the Damascus Lions club participated in the road cleanup of our adopted road, Valley Park road, we collected 2 large bags of trash. The following members participated in the event Lions Chris Fletcher, Mark Searles, Del Mayhew, Wayne Marr, Joe Howerton, and Tom Jackson. Our next clean up will be Dec 14. Lion Daniel A. (Tony) Barry



Fall 2019 DAMASCUS WHITE CANE

Congratulations! We raised a total of \$1,578.20 over three days during our Fall White Cane fundraiser. Absolutely every shift was important to our total! Twenty-four dedicated Damascus Lions performed storefront collections over twenty-nine two-hour shifts. We averaged \$54.42 per shift, which is way down from the \$70.45 per shift we averaged last Spring (Why? I have no idea!). Thursday was a better collection day than Wednesday or Friday, for some reason. Out of thirty scheduled shifts, we had only one shift 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 & Vi Hibbard, Tom Jackson, and Del Mayhew. But the biggest thanks always go to our twenty-four storefront-collection Lions listed below.

Special Recognitions:

There are TWO Club members who collected

Over-\$100-in-One-Shift!:

- Ray Molesworth collected \$135.57 at CVS on Wednesday afternoon; and
- Bob Snapp collected \$105.17 at Safeway on Thursday afternoon.

Other members collected over \$100 across multiple shifts.

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(2!), Gladhill, Gosnell, C. Hertel(2!), T. Hertel, Hibbard(2!), C. Holpuch, M Holpuch, Howerton, Manuel, Marr(2!), Mayhew, Molesworth, Newlin, Peters, Ryan, Snapp, C. Stone, Ch. Stone, Suddath, Washington(2!), Eloise Woodfield (2!). Thank you, one and all storefront Lions!

Lion Wayne Marr

PANCAKE BREAKFAST- October 26



A beautiful busy Autumn day can work for you as well as against you - Such as was the Autumn Pancake Breakfast - It was perfect Autumn weather day with lots of activities for everyone in and around the countryside . 219 folks found our Pancake Breakfast the place to be before heading out for those other activities. It was National Drug Back Day and Police Officer Marcus Dixon was on site to make the collection. Officer Dixon did get a number of drugs dropped off even though our publicity was limited. We hope to be able to do more publicity for this next year.

We had lots of hungry diners, plenty of food and bake table of yummy goodies. And in addition, we had a pride of Lions who held their position wherever and whenever to make sure everyone was served with our signature foods! Monies continue to come in and I am going to make an estimate of a \$2400 profit. Great Job Lions! Thank You Lions, Leos, Partners-in-Service and family members for your support wherever you found your niche. Your hard work, the hours you put in and your presence never cease to amaze me. We all know how to get it done the right way – The Lions Way!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell



Time to Celebrate

November Birthdays:

Mary Frances Gosnell	11/4
Tess Gladhill	11/6 *
Dale Ryan	11/10
Mike Thornett	11/12
Tammy Hertel	11/17

*Significant Birthday!

Partners in Service

Fran Peters (Jack)	11/4
Jonnie Jackson (Tom)	11/21

November Anniversaries:

Charlie & Carol Stone	11/22 (22 yrs)
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Please update your roster book with the following new members who were inducted at our Charter Night:

Lauren Holbrook (London)

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Lauren is a teacher and on staff at Lions Camp Merrick.

Frederick Manuel (Christina Maria)

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Frederick is self employed and found us at Kites over Clarksburg. He has a special interest in vision screening.



Upcoming Events

November 5 – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove United Methodist

November 7– Blood Drive-for more information contact Lion Charlie Hertel chtelco@aol.com

November 12 - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

November 19 – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove United Methodist

Mark Searles
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Mark is a Financial Planner and is the grandson of Lion Julie Sain. If he looks familiar, you might remember him as our speaker on Juvenile Diabetes.

Kevin Yates (Lita)
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Kevin is the Principal at Damascus High School. He was an enthusiastic participant in the interscholastic dipping competition with Clarksburg. He's the clear winner when it comes to joining the Lions!!

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P. McKenzie, 1st VP	X	Del Mayhew, Club Treas.	X	V. Aghamalian, Dir.	X
C. Stone, 2nd VP		C. Hertel, Tail Twister		J. Redifer-Allen, Dir.	X
W. Marr, 3rd VP		T. Barry, Asst. T-Twister		C. Stone, Dir.	
J. Sain, 3rd VP		W. Schwab, Tamer		T. Gladhill, Dir.	X
M. Holpuch, Secretary	X	J. Peters, Asst. Tamer		J. Howerton, Dir.	
S. Suddath, Asst. Sec.		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 7:02pm. The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as printed in the Lions Tale.

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

Club		Foundation
Income	2,788	2,474
Expenses	1,335	2,495
Net	1,453	-21
75th Anniv. Fund	200	

Committees:

- Pancakes: The next breakfast is 10/26. Volunteers are needed to work that day, help prepare the room and food, sell tickets and bring donations for the bake table.
- Holiday Baskets: Lion Mary Frances reports that the Tradesmen Motorcycle Club will be holding their toy drive on Saturday, November 2 from noon to midnight at Dominic's restaurant in Green Valley. The entry fee is \$10 and/or an unwrapped toy. Lions are encouraged to attend, wearing their vests and mingling among the donors to show our appreciation for their help. More information at www.Tradesmen-MC.com. The Thanksgiving dinner will be done at Lutheran Redeemer Church. We are expecting to receive our list of 35 families for the Holiday Baskets during the first week of November.
- Membership: Membership application for Lauren Holbrook was presented and approved. Our next meeting is a Prospective Member Night. In order to have time to accept and approve applications at a regular Board Meeting in time to have new members inducted at Charter Night, it was suggested that Prospective Member Night be moved to the first September meeting in the future.
- Audit: Lion Mike has not been able to audit the books yet for FY 2019 so Lion Mary Frances is submitting our 990 postcard without the audit. This shouldn't be a problem. The form is due 11/15.

Old Business:

- Montgomery County Fair: Montgomery Central-Derwood has pulled out of future dipping. They will try to pick up another club, perhaps Olney or Leisure World. Other future plans include requiring attendance at preparation days and a minimum number of required workers.

New Business:

- New Calendar Dates: Youth Night, 5/19; Auction, 3/17; Installation Night, 6/16; Golf Tournament, 6/1; March Pancake Breakfast, not set yet. 1st June meeting may be pizza, salad & cupcakes at a reduced cost.
- Past Lion Eloise Woodfield will volunteer to help the club as long as she doesn't need to drive at night. Perhaps she'd like to reinstate her membership?
- Boy Scout Troop 445: Lion Marcia reports that the membership in the Troop has fallen below a sustainable level and the troop will likely fold. Future plans are uncertain at this time, but with only 3 scouts, it can't continue.
- Zone Meeting: Another zone meeting will be scheduled as a brainstorming session for community projects. Meanwhile, there is a Health Fair that the zone will assist with on Nov. 11th in Germantown.
- KUDOS! To Queen Lion Patsy on a wonderful Charter Night!!

The meeting adjourned at 8:11pm ~Respectfully Submitted~Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

Upcoming Events:

Holiday Baskets Time Line

Lions - As the Holiday Season is approaching, this Timeline will give you the opportunity to mark your calendar for the events of the Holiday Giving Project. This project is a major community service project of our club having been on our project calendar since the beginnings, some 74 years ago. Yes, the logistics may have changed but the purpose and challenge remain the same - helping others so they may have a better Holiday Season.

HOLIDAY BASKET TIMELINE 2019

***Holiday Giving Project will take place at
Gladhill Brothers***

11/2/2019	Tradesmen Motorcycle Club Toy Run for Damascus Lions
11/5 - 20/ 2019	Receiving Family names, profiling and documenting family info - Chirs Fletcher & M F Gosnell
11/19/2019	Duty/Job and Team Sign Up
11/28/2019 No Deliveries	Thanksgiving - Spend Time with Family and Friends
12/3/2019	Complete Team Sign ups
12/4/2019	Shopping for clothing
12/13/2019	Team Assignments distribution complete, Teams contact families
12/17/2019	Lions Holiday Party bring hats, gloves, mittens, socks
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.
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 am	Deliver food and gifts to 35 families
	Excess foods to HELP
	Clean-up
	Merry Christmas!

QL Patsy handing out checks at the Damascus Community Fair banquet

