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The President's Message



Can you Guess Where I am?

Baby, we were born to run.

--Bruce Springsteen

I think this is my personal motto. This past summer I went to Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Ocean City, Garrett County, Maryland and South Central Pennsylvania (on numerous occasions), Naples, Florida, New York City, Akron, Ohio and tonight I will pack for Memphis, Tennessee.

Amongst this travel, I also attended my first Lions Zone meeting at Montgomery College, Rockville Campus. I gathered some new ideas from the reports of other clubs in our Zone, heard a report on a successful Zone project (in connection with Where Angels Play—a playground built in tribute to the Gemmell Family in downtown Gaithersburg) and the Zone Chair, Rodrick Harris recognized Lion Marcia Holpuch for forwarding this opportunity to him. Good job Lion Marcia! Members from our club along with members from other clubs in our Zone represented our organization well in service and in the media. This is just another example of a successful service project from the joint effort of Lions and other community organizations.

QL Patricia McKenzie

DID YOU KNOW THAT LION BOB SNAPP...

Played second base on the Damascus High School baseball team for all 4 years of high school

Has visited all 50 states as well as snorkeled the Great Barrier Reef and skied the Italian and Swiss Alps

Has donated so many points of blood that they no longer keep count

AUGUST EVENTS

Ice Cream Dipping 2019

What a beautiful day for the seniors at the Montgomery County Fair, "NOT" if you were there you know it rained again!!

The storms were there in the late morning and early afternoon then the Fair closed down later that evening early the only time this year!! The good news is that know one got hurt.

Let me start off by saying that we are glad to see the Dairy Barn still standing. The electrical wiring in the dairy barn had been chewed pretty extensively by rodents. Marty had his crew in to replace the damaged wiring and seal off any potential holes that they were using to come in by. We also had the attic vacuumed out by a Lion of all the old insulation. We then were faced with the Dairy Barn needing a really good cleaning. We needed all 4 of the Saturdays at the Dairy Barn prior to opening to get it ready. Lion Tammy and Lion Charlie have decided to volunteer to be the coordinators for all of the Lions Clubs for the Dairy Barn. YEA!! So much work needed to be done. We hired a painter that Lion Roy recommended Brook Duvall to paint the whole inside of the Dairy Barn. He did an outstanding job!! We had so much great help to get the Dairy Barn ready from the Lions, Leos, Damascus 4H and volunteers. Thank You!!

Friday, opening day we still needed a health inspection certificate. It did not go great our

refrigerator prior to the opening of the dairy barn was not keeping the product cold. We had to get this rectified before we could dip ice cream. Marty took care of this very quickly and the Lions Clubs were ready for Friday afternoon for the first day of the fair.

On Tuesday August 13th 2019 at the Montgomery County Fair the Damascus Lions Club is in charge of serving the seniors ice cream. The Lions readied the parlor early to start serving ice cream to the seniors and they came in spite of the rain. Our Damascus Lions that came to help really stepped up and did a great job all day long. We can't thank them enough for making it all work year after year. The Leo's clubs, volunteers and partners in service did excellent work. Everyone did an outstanding job. We all worked very hard. I would like to thank Lion Tammy for being in charge of the Dairy Barn and all of our dippers on Tuesday. There are a few other people I would like to thank for making the Dairy Barn run successfully. Lion Gerda for showing us how to clean the shake machine. Lion Chris, Lion Mary Francis, Lion Jen, Lion Patricia, Lion Bob and Lion Tessie, Lion Ray, Lion Barbara, Lion Jack, Lion Joe, Lion Del and Lion Wayne for helping get us out of there:) We had so many other great volunteers that worked tirelessly Rick and Tammy Monarch. My parents Ray and Virginia, I can't thank enough for all there hard work. Candice and Ivaylo for helping close several nights!! Thank You So Much.

If I didn't mentioned your name we still appreciated all your help.

Also a lot of our volunteers helped other Lions clubs on other days. For our work day Tuesday August 13th we earned \$2,235.64.

Thank you to all who participated and making this an absolutely fun day.
Lions Charlie & Tammie Hertel

See pictures on page 4

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Ice Cream Churning- Sept 6

"Tried and True" was our motto this year at the Damascus Community Fair Ice Cream Churning contest. We decided to churn our ribbon winning "Leo the Lemon". There were only 5 teams this year so we really thought we had a chance at a ribbon. Many people said they loved our flavor. First they announced "Best Looking". We knew we got this! We're dressed in yellow churning our Leo the Lemon. Nothin !! Then they announced the ice cream winners.... and again, Nothin! We didn't even get the green participation ribbon. So, next year??? Please suggest a new flavor AND keep your eyes open for a hand crank churn, I think the club should own one.

Lion Barbara Barry



Damascus Community Fair Popcorn

The popcorn aroma permeates the hillside and draws folks in seeking popcorn! There is no problem as to where to find us. The weather was absolutely beautiful! Perfect Fair Weather!

The steady flow of fair goers kept the Lions busy. We gave out 2150 plus bags of popcorn utilizing 17 Lions, 2 Partners-In-Service, 1 Prospective Lion and 1 Prospective Leo; Several who worked 2 days. We clocked some 185 hours of our time.

We gathered four prospects for membership, gave out info about the upcoming blood drive, collected eye glasses and gave the locations to be dropped off and amongst other things took the time to sign one person up for membership approval.

A very beneficial weekend for the Community Fair, the DVFD and our Lions Club all of whom are working on celebrating 74 – 75 years of service.

Thanks to all who participated in the "poppin'" weekend. It was an honor to work with all of you once again!

Mary Frances Gosnell

Upcoming Events:

Fall White Cane Days: October 23-25

Hello, Lions. Our Fall White Cane fundraiser begins Wednesday, October 23rd. It runs just three days and ends the evening of Friday, October 25. Our schedule calls for 30 2-hour shifts at Damascus Safeway and Damascus CVS. So far, Lions have signed up for just 20 of those 30 shifts. So, please look over the sign-up sheet on page 6 and contact me to get yourself signed up. I'll have the sign-up sheet with me at Charter Night and the Lions meeting of October 15. Or you can just call my cell at 301-237-3034 or email me at waynemarr@aol.com to sign up.

As you know, this fundraiser needs the participation of every able-bodied Damascus Lion. Every two shifts bring us enough funds to provide an eye appointment and new glasses for some needy Damascus-area child or adult. Every month, our Club is helping someone in this way. Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this important fundraiser over the years.

Lion Wayne Marr

Autumn Pancake Breakfast – Oct 26

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 26 for the Lions Autumn Pancake Breakfast. We will serve from 7 – 11 am and will need lots of help. Bob Fitterer Roofing has sponsored the tickets. Should you meet up with Bob or Dixie, please tell them how much we appreciate their support. Tickets will be available at Charter Night (will not make an issue, ask Warren or I for them) as well as the October 15th meeting. Don't forget to get them for your family and neighbors. Our goal is to serve 250+ at this breakfast! See me for the sign-up sheet– You can also email me at mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com with your selected time to help with the breakfast. Every turn of the hand is of vital importance! Your time is valued! Also, the bake table can use all kinds of goodies and crafts. The intake of the Bake Table is pure profit! Thank you in advance for your contribution of energy, time and resources!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell



Damascus Lions Club ~Board of Directors Meeting ~10 Sep 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.	X
W. Marr, 3 rd VP		T. Barry, Asst. T-Twister		C. Stone, Dir.	
J. Sain, 3 rd VP		W. Schwab, Tamer	X	T. Gladhill, Dir.	X
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		C. Fletcher, IPP	X

The board meeting was called to order by QL Patricia McKenzie at 6:59pm. The minutes of the August meeting were accepted as printed in the Lions Tale.

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

	Club	Foundation
Income	3,814	564
Expenses	735	1,783
Net	3,079	-1,219
75 th Anniv. Fund	250	

- The club policy on meals is that they are to be paid in full in advance or at the door. Partial payments will not be accepted going forward except as authorized by the Board in advance or due to special circumstances. An article will be submitted for the December Lions Tale clarifying the policy for the sake of the sanity of the secretary.

Committees:

- **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.
- **Community Fair:** 2,150 bags of popcorn were distributed at the fair – a record number! 17 Lions and partners and prospects turned out to assist for a total of 185 hours. Our cost for this year was \$250. \$85 was collected in cash donations which will go to our general fund. Great job by coordinator, Lion Mary Frances Gosnell. Lion Tessie reported that fair entries were up this year after several years of decline. There were 596 entries and more entries per person than last year. She thanked the Lions for their great support and help with check-in. Even with the increase in registrations, it was a smooth process. Livestock and live animal entries continue to decline. The fair banquet will be held on Thursday, October 17th and anyone who helped is welcome to attend. It will be held at the activity building at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to Lion Tessie to attend. Our ice cream churning team did not get recognized this year. It has been determined that using borrowed equipment is not the way to go. The board authorized the purchase of an ice cream churn and QL Patricia has designated Lion Tony Barry to make the selection. Payment for the equipment to come out of Community Organization Support budget. One last mention on the popcorn... after completing the application (downloaded from their web site) for the appropriate MoCo permit required to give away popcorn and having that returned by the county so a new form could be completed and submitted, Lion Mary Frances was called by the inspector to verify the time she would be available for inspection. His officialness appeared and fussed about over the location of the hand-washing station, whether or not we had gloves (we did), our hairs were covered (they were), we had appropriate cleaning products for our machine (we do), and other sundry nuisances on his check-list. Then he asked where the rest of our operation was located, to which she said, 'This is it.' He said, 'This is all?' 'Well, yes, this is everything.' Upon which he turned on his heel, harrumphed and left the fairgrounds. Since we weren't cited, I guess we passed the inspection!!
- **Meetings:** The next meeting topic will be the Alert Program. There is no budget for this district program so no donation will be presented.
- **Remembrance:** The current policy was reviewed and another category added to the guidelines to recognize the passing of a sibling with a card. Additionally, poinsettias and fruit will be given to shut-ins and widow/ers.

Old Business:

- **Montgomery County Fair:** The collection cans put out at the Dairy Barn were approved by the Fair in advance. Even so, some feel uncomfortable collecting donations at an event sponsored by MoCoAg. The \$900 collected during the week was sent to Lions Camp Merrick with each of the 8 participating clubs receiving credit for a \$112.50 donation. Going forward, we will recommend that each club decide if they will collect donations during dipping and should take their donations for their day and not combine the entire week together.
- **Where Angels Play Foundation:** This event is happening this weekend and we have been asked to help with the refreshment table. There is a request for 2 Lions for each of 2 shifts for 2 days – 8-11am and 11-2pm on Friday and Saturday. So far, only 2 have signed up.

New Business:

- **Zone Meeting:** There will be a Zone Meeting on Thursday, September 19th at 7pm at Montgomery College. Marcia will find out the building and room number and send a message to QL Patricia and Lion Mary Frances Gosnell who will be attending the meeting.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** October 26th will be here before we know it. Tickets have been sponsored by Bob Fitterer Roofing. The breakfast is the same day as the scrapbooking event at the DVFD Activities Building. We should advertise to them.
- **Holiday Baskets:** It was decided that we would request 35 families to assist this year.
- **Hearing Aid assistance:** Lino Mary Frances has been in touch with a client working with the UMD hearing program and they qualify for hearing aids at a reduced rate of \$250. She will apply for a matching fund grant from the Garner Fund to cover half that cost.
- **Preschool Screening:** IPP Chris will be working on scheduling at least one preschool vision screening session each month.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36pm

Respectfully Submitted, ~Marcia Holpuch, Secretary

Fall 2019 Damascus Lions Club White Cane Days!			
Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
Wednesday Oct 23 Manager: Del Mayhew	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	Jenny Redifer-Allen
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	Mary Frances Gosnell
	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Safeway East	
	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Safeway West	
	3:45pm – 5:45pm	CVS	Ray Molesworth
	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Safeway East	Chris Fletcher
	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
	5:45pm – 7:45pm	CVS	Tessie Gladhill
	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Safeway East	Tammy Hertel
	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
Thursday Oct 24 Manager: Tom Jackson	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	Bob Newlin
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	Bob Snapp
	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Safeway East	Jack Peters
	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Safeway West	
	3:45pm – 5:45pm	CVS	George Hibbard
	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Safeway East	Barbara Barry
	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Safeway West	
	5:45pm – 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Safeway East	Charlie Stone
	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Safeway West	Carol Stone
Friday Oct 25 Manager: Wayne Marr	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	Julie Sain
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	Joe Howerton
	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Safeway East	Warren & Joy Schwab
	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Safeway West	
	3:45pm – 5:45pm	CVS	George Hibbard
	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Safeway West	
	5:45pm – 7:45pm	CVS	Sue Suddath
	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Safeway East	
	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Safeway West	

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!



Time to Celebrate

October Birthdays:

Barbara Barry	10/4
Ray Molesworth	10/8
Chris Fletcher	10/26
Charlie Stone	10/30*

Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

Angie Howerton (Joe)	10/5
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October Anniversaries:

Ray & Peggy Sicotte	10/3
Jenny Redifer & Dave Allen	10/19 (18 yrs)
Charlie & Marcia Holpuch	10/25 (39 yrs)
Tom & Marie Didone	10/30



Upcoming Events

October 1 – Charter Night

October 8 - Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

October 15 – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove United Methodist

October 19 – Road Clean up- for more information contact Lion Tony Barry daniel8barry@gmail.com

October 23-25 – White Cane for more information contact Lion Wayne @ waynemarr@aol.com

October 26 – Pancake Breakfast- for more information contact Lion Mary Frances @ mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com

November 7 - Blood Drive 1 to 6:30pm for more information contact Lion Charlie @ chtelco@aol.com

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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