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The President's Message



Happy New Year to everyone.

I hope everyone had a great Holiday with their families and friends.

2020 was not only a great and productive year for Damascus Lions Club, it was a great and productive year for America. As we proceed into our new year of 2021, we now know that in December 2020, several

Covid-19 Vaccines have become available. As we continue to serve fervently, we will need to learn more about what we can do to plan our own Covid-19 vaccination. How wonderful it is that FDA has found a vaccine that will work for many of us. You can find out more about the vaccines that are now available through a CDC Website.

QL Carol

“Wassail” is the message I want to send for this time in the New Year.

For centuries, going back to Anglo-Saxon times, holiday revelers have wished each other “Wes hall!”—Be Whole!—while sharing this drink. It was traditionally enjoyed on Twelfth Night (January 5 or 6), but can certainly be used to warm the body throughout the holiday season. Wassail traditionally contained roasted apples, which would swell up and burst apart in the hot punch.

INGREDIENTS

5 to 6 large baking apples, peeled and cored

1 cup sugar

2 quarts beer or ale

2 cinnamon sticks or 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground ginger /Zest of 1 lemon

1-1/2 cups sherry or sweet red wine

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 400°F. Cut the apples into thick slices, and arrange in layers in a covered casserole dish, sprinkling a few teaspoons of sugar over each layer. Cover and bake for 30 minutes. (The apples will get puffy and soft.) While the apples bake, combine the beer, spices, lemon zest, and remaining sugar in a large saucepan. Heat slowly, bringing just to a simmer. (Don't let the mixture boil.) When it is hot, add the sherry and keep heating until the mixture reaches a simmer again, still not boiling. Place the hot baked apples in a punch bowl, and pour the hot wassail over them. Serve hot.

Or try the Non-alcoholic Light Wassail

Hot spiced apple cider with just the right amount of spices that both adults and kids will enjoy.

INGREDIENTS

1 gallon apple cider
2 cups cranberry juice
1/2 to 1 cup brown sugar, to taste
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1 orange, thinly sliced
6 small cored apples (optional)



INSTRUCTIONS

Combine all ingredients in a large saucepan or pot, adjusting sugar to taste, and simmer for 30 minutes. Serve in mugs, or pour into a punch bowl and serve warm in cups. An option for a festive touch: Add baked apples. Core the apples, lay in a baking dish with a little water (6 tablespoons), and roast 30 to 45 minutes (until apples are softened). Then add to the punch bowl once it's ready!

In addition, I have a presentation of "Wassail" arranged by Ralph Vaughn Williams by Six Degree Singers for your listening enjoyment. The young girl in curled hair with a maroon backdrop was Wesley Grove's Choir Director named Ally Lind. She still provides me voice lessons every week. Enter the attached link into your browser.

<https://mailchi.mp/2e987d59e248/six-degree-singers-presents-wassail?e=0697cd4a39>

DECEMBER EVENTS

Road Cleanup- December 12

It was a foggy Saturday morning on, December 12, as five members of the Damascus Lions club and three members of the Damascus High School Leo's club participated in the road cleanup of our adopted road, Valley Park road. We collected 3 large bags of trash, and found nothing unusual. The following members participated in the event. Lion Barbara Barry, Lion Wayne Marr, Lion Tammy Hertel and Lion Jack Peters. I also want to thank the following Leos for their help, Leo Emily Lanham, Leo Landis Bernota and Leo Megan Reese.

Lion Daniel A. (Tony) Barry



HOLIDAY GIVING 2020

It has been over 20 days since the Gift Cards were mailed to each of our thirty Families with a lot of trepidation in mind! Should we or shouldn't we? With the growing Covid situation since then, I think we made a good decision. We have not received any phone calls that the families have not received their gifts while the certified return receipt cards have not all been returned. And the tracking on the USPS system has not been updated! What more can I tell you, other than USPS has experienced some serious problems this season!

We served 30 families with 76 children and 67 adults. Each family received a Safeway Gift Card from \$100 to \$150 depending on the

size of the family and a \$35 Kohl's Gift Card for each of the children. The total expense for the project is \$ 6,537.13.

Lion Bob Snapp has received \$ 4,220 for the Holiday Giving Fund as of this writing with more to come from the area businesses! Of that amount, the Lions contributed \$2,820 and the Tradesmen Motorcycle Club, \$1,050. A huge SHOUTOUT to our members for their response to the Holiday Giving letter! While the Holiday Giving Project 2020 was quite different than previous years, our thirty families received assistance for their Holiday celebration. As well as all of you, I look forward to Holiday Giving 2021 returning to some kind of norm!

Happy New Year Lions! Be Safe!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

QL's January Poem

Happy New Year to you!!!

In 2021 we have Vaccines to fight this COVID-19 Pandemic that are now in the News.

We've been living with this Pandemic way too long, it's time to carry away our blues. Supposedly, our State knows best saying just sit tight, there are many who need this. There is a schedule we must follow. We need patience to share this New Year's bliss. We are anxious to get on with our lives; yet, patience is required, let's make it clear. Until all are vaccinated; sick, elderly and young, the COVID-19 Pandemic is still here!!!

We need to be patient as we slowly approach what may seem to be a timeless end. Scratching our heads making way through a quicker approach will not be our friend. Let's focus on our service, and what is in our care; not what is out there floating in Air. Community safety is what we know best, let's give them our love and show we care. Let's learn as much as we can about the schedule; helping everyone through things. Once everyone is vaccinated, we'll then be able to see what new Community life brings!!!

Happy New Year once again; let 2021 be the best, having "Vision 75" lingering in our minds.

We know how to get there and what needs to be done; 75 years of service without crimes. Wayne Marr comes to life June 30, 2021 as president. He and Bobbie will at the crest! Remember it is only January and I have a few more things planned before leaving to rest. Give me life, give me happiness and give me your Community service. With more fairytales, all will be blest, then give me a moment to catch my zest, so I can go on with all my sails!!!

BEAUCOUPS to our LEO CLUBS and their ADVISORS and our LIONS

Although our schools have taken a different approach from the norm, it is evident that the teachers and students are eager to be involved in their community. COVID just couldn't put a halt to some things!

Didn't I read that the Damascus High School Leos have been helping with the Road Clean-up for the past few months?

Didn't I read that the DHS Leos were part of the work force to upgrade the Skate Park at the Recreation Center?

Didn't I hear that the DHS Leos helped with the Coat and Can Drive along with an Alumnus?

Didn't I hear that the DHS Leos assisted with the hanging of the Holiday Wreath throughout downtown?

And I just heard that the Clarksburg High School Leos and the Rocky Hill Middle School Leos had canned food drives! They had collected over 70 bags of canned foods. All of which was delivered to the Damascus HELP Closet.

Thanks to Lions Tony and Barbara Barry for working with Leo Advisor Rob Hyman in giving the DHS Leo Club the opportunity to serve their community and to obtain Community Service Hours under your guidance with your projects this year!

Thanks to Lions Bob Newlin, Ray Molesworth and Chris Fletcher for working with the CHS Leo Advisor, Kim Moore, and the RHMS Leo Advisor, Sean Stevenson, to pick up their collection of canned goods and store them at

the HELP Closet. Again the Leo Clubs were earning Community Service Hours.

It's not often noted but I felt the need to -

GIVE A BIG SHOUTOUT to these Lions for including the Leo Clubs in their projects! Way to go, Lions!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Time to Celebrate

January Birthdays:

Bob Newlin	1/6
Bob Williams	1/13
Katie Holpuch	1/23
Ben Lewis	1/29

Partners in Service

None

January Anniversaries:

None

Upcoming Events

January 5- Dinner Meeting / via Zoom

January 13 - Board Meeting / via Zoom

January 18 – NBC4 Health

January 19 – Dinner Meeting / via Zoom



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