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The President's Message

"According to legend, Valentine's Day celebrates



Saint Valentine, a Christian martyred in the 3rd century A.D. in Rome for aiding persecuted Christians Before his execution, however, he cured his jailer's daughter of blindness, inspiring the jailer and his household to convert to Christianity." His daughter said it was a Miracle that she was

able see his Valentine message with Yellow Crocus. She believed and became a Christian because of what St. Valentine did for her.

We are all Valentines this month! Through your service to the Damascus Lions Club, do your best to send a Valentine message or community service that supports what we do! For example:

I delivered glasses to Lion Chris Fletcher on January 19. Chris delivered her glasses with mine to Lion Del Mayhew. Lion Del delivered his to Lion Mark LeRoux at Home Depot as recommended. Glasses will be delivered and used for Lions International.

Happy Valentines Day with thanks to all!!



More on the story of Valentine's Day

QL Carol

<http://www.goodworksonearth.org/saintvalentinus.html>

FEBRUARY EVENTS

QL Carol's Poem for February

Agreement reached, Jan 7-8, 2021 blood drive to be held, so here we go.

NOTE: To all giving blood, water consumption, will increase blood flow.

Damascus Grace Fellowship Church is the location, Red Cross is the best.

Very grateful to Damascus Lions Tammy and Charlie Hertel, we do the rest.

Signs are up, table stations are in place, there is no need to say any grace.

With the long list of Red Cross appointments, Red Cross keep's the pace.

Damascus Lions service included check-in, seating, and snacks with drinks.

We are all ready to serve each appointment through previous on-line links.

We check their temperature for good health upon each candidate's arrival.

It has simply nothing to do with blood type or dictating candidate survival.

Next question to customer is "Did you schedule your appointment on-line?"

If so, give me your driver's license so I can enter it in checking on your time.

Given they are scheduled, you have one more small detail to ask them.

Perhaps you were planning to do more than the others by giving "All Reds"

If that's true, just one moment, while we get you all set on one of the beds.

Serving with Damascus Lions gave me much more than a big thrill that day.

I watched everyone come with seriousness to donate their blood and stay.

What a thrill to be part in the service in which 165 units went to be stored.

It was an 8-hour day with masks on our faces never once being bored.

Thank you, Red Cross for everything that you do!!!!

BLOOD DRIVE 2021

The Damascus Lions had a blood drive of 2021 at the Damascus Grace Fellowship Seventh Day Adventist Church on Thursday January 7th and January 8th, 2021 for year 2020- 2021.

We collected 65 units of blood for the American Red Cross. This looks like it will be our new blood drive facility for years to come. Thank You Patty!! I would like to thank Lion Chris, Lion Sue, Lion Carol and Lion Tammy for helping work the blood drive. We put up signage, helped donors sign in, worked the canteen and spoke to our donors about Lionism. We had a prospective new Lion, Tom Powell come in and help set up for the drive on Thursday morning before rolling up his sleeve and giving blood.

Our next blood drives are on Thursday and Friday March 4th and 5th 2021 from 10am to 3:30pm and on Thursday and Friday May 6th and 7th 2021 from 10am to 3:30pm.

Lion Charlie Hertel

DAMASCUS LIONS SCHOLARSHIP OFFERINGS

The Damascus Lions Foundation is again offering the Vernon R. Simpson Scholarship to graduating seniors residing in the Damascus/Clarksburg School Cluster. The applicant may not be a dependent of a member of the Damascus Lions. The applications are evaluated on community service, leadership potential in high school and non-school activities, character, volunteerism and work experience. The Board has approved for the 2021-22 Budget for 4 \$1500 scholarship to be awarded at the school's Awards Night and announced at the Lions Youth Night. The applications are due April 9.

The Damascus Lions Unique Achievement Scholarship is also being offered this year. Three scholarships of \$1000 each have been approved. The scholarship is geared toward the applicant who actively demonstrated an attempt to overcome a unique challenge during their high school years and who will attend a junior college or a technical/vocational school after high school. The scholarship will cover the expenses of books and/or necessary equipment required to continue

their education. The student must reside in the Damascus/Clarksburg School Cluster. The applications are due April 9 and will be awarded at the school's Awards Night and announced at the Lions Youth Night.

Applications are available on the Damascus Lions Web site or from Lion Mary Frances Gosnell.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

UPDATE ON HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT

We continue to receive donations for the Holiday Giving Project.

And I continue to track the return receipts for Certified Mail. Nothing has been updated on the USPS Tracking system. Yet we do not hear anything from our clients that they were missed. As reported last month, our expenses this year were \$6,475.

Our current collection efforts have resulted in a total of \$6,145!

Thanks again for all your energies, your generosity and your support of our community project!

A project that can be traced back to the beginnings of our club – some 75 years ago!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

REMEMBERING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Several Lions along with my family members assisted me in delivering poinsettias to Lions before Christmas. We visited Mary Belcher, Ann Davis, Mike Thornett, Dale Ryan and mother, Jenny Redifer-Allen, John Washington and Joy and Warren Schwab.

Lion Sue Suddath

International President's Message

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you: Everyone's invited – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.

Registration fees – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.

Current registrants – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.

Elections – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.

Convention updates – Check our convention website LCIcon for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.

Regards, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE MANUAL

Over a few years and most recently putting some attention to the project, a manual with information on the Officers and Committee Chairmen is available. The manual for the most part was written by officers and committee chair who were willing to share their experiences. Upon request, I can forward to you a specific job or committee selection page or you can pick up a copy from me.

Upon putting a few final touches to it, the Manual will be housed with the Lions Archives at Gladhill Brothers with a sign-up sheet upon borrowing and returning.
Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

District 22-C Cabinet Meeting

Here are the highlights and things you should know from the District Cabinet meeting held January 23rd.

- The traditional 22-C Night celebration will not be held as scheduled on March 27th. The current plan is to have a casual afternoon celebration outdoors. The current date is June 19th with the 26th as "rain date" but everything is subject to change.
- The International Convention (LCICon) has become a virtual event this year. For a fee of \$50 (before March 31), you can "attend" an International Convention. If you've ever wanted to go, here's your chance and you'll save a bunch on airfare!
- Our Multiple District Convention which was scheduled for April 15-18 in Gettysburg will also be virtual and the date will be May 21 & 22. You can attend this convention, too!
- Parade t-shirts are again available for \$12 each (through size 3X). Lion face masks can be ordered for \$8. Let's do a group order, we can save on shipping.
- Trading pins are available for the International Convention from Lion Rodrick Harris at \$3 each.
- The Glaucoma seminar sponsored by the Leisure World Lions has been rescheduled, Feb. 17th @ 1pm.
- Lion Maxine Hooker (Leisure World) has taken the place of Arthur as 2nd VDG for the remainder of this year. Chris Wooters (Waldorf) has submitted his paperwork for the position of 2VDG for the 2021-22 Lions year.
- The USA/Canada forum will be held Sept. 9-11 in Iowa this year. At present, it will be an in-person event. Registration is \$285.
- The district has collected 70,000 eyeglasses so far this year.

Time to Celebrate

February Birthdays:

Julie Sain	2/6
Ray Sicotte	2/21
Jolly Somaiya	2/24*

*Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

Christina Manuel (Frederick) 2/21

February Anniversaries:

Roy & Kathy Stanley	2/15 (51 yrs)
Mike & Kathy Thornett	2/17 (48 yrs)

Upcoming Events

February 2– Dinner meeting, Via Zoom

February 10 - Board Meeting, Via Zoom

February 13 – Road Clean up for more information contact Lion Tony Barry @ Daniel8Barry@gmail.com

February 16 – Dinner meeting, Via Zoom

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