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The President's Message

Being a Lion means so much to each of us. It's about serving our communities, and the joy of seeing lives changed. It's about fellowship, and the lifelong bonds we share. It's about giving, and seeing our generosity flourish. But as much as being a Lion means to us, it means even more to the people we serve.



So take pride in your safe service and the impact you've made. Continue inspiring your community and encouraging others to put their kindness in action as Lions. And keep giving because so many are depending on us. That is what it means to be a Lion. Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

Remember Virtual Multiple District 22 C Convention on May 20, 21, 22

QL Carol's April Poem

Spring has Sprung, let's have some fun!
April has many dates, let's just be clear.
Beginning with April Fool's Day on April 1.
Good Friday is the 2nd, no need to fear.

Let's celebrate Easter on Sunday April 4.
Colored Eggs in baskets to get eaten fast.
Easter bunny is not a Lion, don't be a bore.
Send out sweetness with smiles that last.

The month just started; yes, there is more.
Garden's begin, planting plants in rows,
Tomatoes, Beans, Corn and Fruits galore.
Each time it rains again, the garden grows.

Let's not forget the moons and stars.
April 11 will bring to us a New Moon.
Bring in a new lion, Damascus will go far. It
will be Full again April 26, what a boom.

April 17th, we can all travel to Camp Merrick.
It will be fun as we go, as we travel in vans.
Supplies are few so bring a shovel and a pick.
Sprucing things up, following mapped plans.

Earth Day is April 22, it will come quick.
Serving our community will be the test.
Donate, plant a tree or cleanup a bit.
What more shall we do, to make it best.

Think everything over, let's enjoy our club.
Now in Spring, we could gather together
Vaccines are being received, have you a
stub.
It won't be long, we'll be serving forever.

QL Carol

MARCH EVENTS

Blood Drive

The Damascus Lions had their second blood drive of 2021 at the Damascus Grace Fellowship Seventh Day Adventist Church on Thursday March 4th and Friday March 5th, 2021 for year 2020- 2021. We collected 66 units of blood for the American Red Cross at these 2 drives. This was our final Lions blood drive for 2020 -2021 year with 166 unites collected. We would like to thank Patty and the Damascus Grace Fellowship Seventh Day Adventist Church for sponsoring our blood drives. I would like to thank Lion Chris for helping work the blood drive both days. We put up our Damascus Lions signage, helped donors sign in, worked the canteen and spoke to our donors about Lionism. Our next blood drives are on Thursday May 6th and Friday May 7th 2021 from 10am to 3:30pm. Wednesday July 7th and Thursday July 8th from 10am to 3:30pm.
Lion Charlie Hertel

Visitations for Lions Year 2020-2021

Our club has qualified for the visitation portion of the District 22C 5 Star Award for Lions Year 2020-2021. We have also qualified for the District Governors Special Recognition Award for Visitations because we obtained enough visitations points equal to or greater than 100% of the club's membership. The club needed 56 points and accumulated 60 points. Visitations during this year were extremely difficult because of meeting and fund raiser cancelations due to the pandemic. Our members visited 12 clubs in District 22C, 9 clubs in District 22W, 1 club in District 22A and 1 club in District 22D. Visitations were made via 20 zoom meetings. Visitation credit was also obtained at 2 fund raisers and 1 social event. I would like to thank those Lions who made visitations this year.
Lion Ray Molesworth

Skate Park Gets New Ramp

As you may remember, the Damascus Lions Club conducted a Skate Park renovation effort back in November 2020. 7 members of our club and 6 members of the DHS LEOS club participated in that very successful effort. We painted and repaired many of the ramps. At that time, one of the ramps was dismantled and brought to Lion Tony Barry's house to be rebuilt – it was beyond repair, but had significant hardware that we didn't want to throw away. Over the past several months, Lion Tony rebuilt the ramp with new materials provided by the Damascus Lions Club and used the existing hardware to make the ramp as good as new. On Friday March 26, Lions Tony and Barbara loaded the new ramp on the trailer and brought it back to the Skate Park. When we arrived at the Skate Park we were greeted by 6 very excited and enthusiastic local teenagers who were using the skate park and were very thankful to the Damascus Lions Club for keeping the equipment in excellent condition.

We were very glad to see that the skate park was being used by the local community and are happy to report that the skate park looks excellent and is providing the local youth with some sense of community in these troubling and challenging times. See Pictures below.
Lion Tony Barry



The Old Ramp



The New Ramp



Lion Tony getting help from local skateboarders



The Ramp Looks Good in its New Home!

Upcoming Events:

Spring White Cane Days: April 28-30

Hello, Lions. Our Spring White Cane fundraiser begins Wednesday, April 28. It runs just three days and ends the evening of Friday, April 30. Our schedule calls for 30 2-hour shifts at Damascus Safeway and Damascus CVS. So far, Lions have signed up for just 15 shifts! For those who have signed up, please refer to the sign-up sheet as your reminder. Those Lions who have not yet signed up, please look over the sign-up sheet

below, and sign up! Do this by going to SignupGenius in your web browser (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4daaac2ca0fe3-spring>) or contact me at 301-237-3034 or waynemarr@aol.com. For this White Cane fundraiser, your manager will provide you a small table on which to place your bucket. By this manner, you can keep your proper distance from our contributors. Needless to say, we must all wear our masks and keep our required separation from

contributors, other store customers, and each other. 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

Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
Wednesday April 28 Manager: Del Mayhew	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	Chris Fletcher
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Mary Frances Gosnel
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	Ray Molesworth
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Jack Peters
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Tammy Hertel
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
Thursday April 29 Manager: Tom Jackson	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	Chris Fletcher
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Barbara Barry
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Carol Stone
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Stone
Friday April 30 Manager: Wayne Marr	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Bob Newlin
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Bob Snapp
	3:45pm - 5:45pm	CVS	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	
	5:45pm - 7:45pm	CVS	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Wayne Marr
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Marcia Holpuch

Time to Celebrate

April Birthdays:

Marcia Holpuch	4/7
Tom Jackson	4/18*
John Ampiah-Addison	4/24

*Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

Susanna Searles (Mark)	4/2
Jennifer Molesworth (Ray)	4/11
London Holbrook (Lauren)	4/12
Kathy Stanley (Roy)	4/22

April Anniversaries:

Bob & Joanne Breiner	4/25 (34 yrs)
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Upcoming Events

April 6 – 6:45pm, Dinner meeting via Zoom – Elections

Sat., Apr 10 - 9am, Road Crew - Contact Lion Tony Barry Daniel8barry@gmail.com

April 14 – Board meeting via Zoom

April 20 – 6:45pm, Dinner meeting via Zoom

Wed-Fri, April 28 - 30 - White Cane collection around town - contact Lion Wayne Marr for a timeslot waynemarr@aol.com

Lion's Tale

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