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The President's Message



As I wish to say Happy Spring to all!



The evenings are longer so more work can get done.

I have a few reminders to everyone in the club.

1. I know everyone wants to get together outside. I have met with Tess Gladhill and Wesley Grove Church.

May 18 or June 1, dinner meeting. I will let you know for sure the details on which or both. Remember,

Bring your smile under your mask,
Bring your own food and drink,
Dessert will be provided,

Provided will be table cloths, cups, plates, napkins, maybe music, and a few games.

2. Shred fest is May 1, 2021. Sign up to help Joe Howerton between 8:45am and 12:15pm
3. Don't forget to support Charlie Hertel with our upcoming May 6 and 7th Blood Drive.
4. May 4th is first dinner meeting via Zoom at 6:45pm. Discussion about childhood cancer.
5. Board meeting is May 12, 2021. We could meet at the church picnic tables for board if you wish as well.
6. **Virtual MD22 Convention being held from May 20-22, 2021, registration is open.**

QL Carol

QL CAROL'S POEM FOR MAY

In 2021 we have been working with this
Pandemic for way too long!
It is time for us to serve brightly together
again singing a new song.
Wayne got us an approval so we could White
Cane at various places.
Looked forward to my selected spot and
hoped I could see your faces.

Let us not forget that Damascus Lions has
been around for 75 years.
What more can we do to serve others who
have acquired more tears.
Damascus Help on Saturday showed a line
outside waiting to get in.
What are they needing? Shall I stop to ask?
What gives them a Win.

I can only imagine what their needs could
have been, baby in arms.
I simply drove home, with all my groceries
and not too many charms.
That line was long, but they patiently waited,
what are they needing.
President of Lions is never easy. Please help
me out, I'm still pleading.

Remember it is our 75th year. Shall we simply
sing dance and praise,
or should additional new requirements in our
community be raised.
I should have stopped. Maybe I could have
shown some Lions Love.
I know each and every one of you will serve
as you look way above.

Thank you for being my team mates as we
lead our Damascus Club.
I have learned more from you and what it
means to be involved.
Keep up the good work and never, ever forget
that you are a Lion.
Serve in every way you can, don't ever forget
how hard we are trying.

Thank you all so very much.

A few quotes to share to know that we care.
"Where there is a need, there is a Lion"- Lions
100 Tell-a-thon.
"Not what you gathered but what you
scattered"- Mary Travis
"Kindness Matters"
Let's have some more fun.

QL Carol

APRIL EVENTS

ROAD CLEANUP- April 10

6 members of the Damascus Lions Club did a
road cleanup of our adopted road, Valley Park
Drive on Saturday April 10, 2021. We collected
three large bags of garbage. Nothing exciting or
unusual was found. I want to thank following
Lions who participated in the event. Queen Lion
Carol Stone, Lion Wayne Marr, Lion Chris
Fletcher, Lion Ray Molesworth and Lion Barbara
Barry and one partner possible new member, Bob
Ippolito.
Lion Tony Barry



Damascus White Cane Days

Congratulations! Including the receipts at the
Shred Fest, and a special donation, we raised a
total of \$3,250.39 over the four days of our Spring
White Cane fundraiser. At Safeway and CVS for
three days, we received \$1,585.69, for a shift
average of \$65.02. Absolutely every shift was
important to our total. We had twenty-four

dedicated Damascus Lions performing storefront collections over twenty-nine two-hour shifts. Out of thirty scheduled shifts, we had only one shift uncovered. Lions Charlie and Carol Stone tossed another \$300 into the pot to bring us up to \$1,885.69. Then, along came Saturday's White Cane collection at the Shred Fest: an additional whopping \$1,364.70!

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:

The Over-\$100-in-One-Shift Award goes to:

- Bob Newlin and wife Colleen, who at Safeway on Friday afternoon collected \$117.26! Other Lions collected over \$100 across multiple shifts.

The Bert Lahr Lion Courage Award goes to:

- Chris Fletcher, who worked three Safeway shifts AND collected nearly all the funds at the Shred Fest; and
- Sue Suddath, who risked life and limb during her CVS shift, as a customer ran over the curb near her station and stopped just short of plowing over her!

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(2!), B. Barry, Fletcher(3!), Gladhill, Gosnell, C. Hertel(2!), T. Hertel, Hibbard, M Holpuch, Howerton, B. Marr, W. Marr, Mayhew, Molesworth(2!), Newlin, Peters, Sain, J. Schwab, W. Schwab, Snapp, C. Stone, Ch. Stone, Suddath, Washington. Thank you, one and all storefront Lions!

Lion Wayne Marr

SHREDFEST- May 1

The Damascus Shredfest was a great success. Nine Lions, a Damascus Leo and two additional Damascus High students enjoyed the beautiful weather while making sure the traffic flowed smoothly. There were 150 cars served with \$1,359.30 raised for our White Cane Days!

Thanks to WesBanco for their continued support in covering the cost for the shredding service provided by Cleancut Shredding. We look forward to our continued partnership going forward.

Lion Joe Howerton



Upcoming Events

BLOOD DRIVE – May 6 & 7

The Damascus Lions is having a blood drive at the Damascus Grace Fellowship Seventh Day Adventist Church on Thursday May 6th and Friday May 7th, 2021. This will be our first Lions blood drive for 2021 - 2022 year. We would like to thank Patty and the Damascus Grace Fellowship Seventh Day Adventist Church for sponsoring our blood drives for 2021 - 2022. We are looking for a few volunteers that can help set up the hall, put up signs, helped donors sign in, work the canteen and speak to our donors about our Lions Club.

Our next blood drives are on Wednesday July 7th and Thursday July 8th 2021 from 10am to 3:30pm.

Thank You for your continued support of the Damascus Lions Blood program.

Lion Charlie Hertel

Time to Celebrate

May Birthdays:

Warren Schwab	5/9
Frederick Manuel	5/10
Wayne Marr	5/19*
John Washington	5/24
Joe Howerton	5/25
Sue Suddath	5/26*
Joann Woodson	5/26
Nick Holpuch	5/27
Rahul Suthar	5/30

*Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

Barbara Aghamalian (Vahe)	5/21
Marcia Allen (Anthony)	5/23

May Anniversaries:

Tammy & Charlie Hertel	5/2 (33 yrs)
Anthony & Marcia Allen	5/12
Julie & Tom Sain	5/14 (6 yrs)

Upcoming Events

Sat. May 1 - 9am-noon, Shredfest @ Damascus UMC

Tues. May 4 - 6:30pm, Membership meeting via Zoom

Thur.-Fri., May 6-7 - 10am-3:30pm, Blood Drive @ Grace Fellowship Church

Wed. May 12 - 6:30pm, Board meeting via Zoom

Tues. May 18 - 6:30pm, Membership meeting via Zoom- Youth Night

Lion's Tale

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Attention All Members!!

PLEASE check your roster book entries and send any updates to Tom Jackson by May 20!!!

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Damascus Heritage Society News Article about our 75th!



Lions Club "We Serve"



Again we want to help our friends at the Damascus Lions Club celebrate their 75th anniversary in our little town. The Damascus Lions Club was chartered on September 11, 1946 under the sponsorship of the Lions Club of Gaithersburg. In 2021, it is celebrating 75 years of continuous service to the community. Membership has grown steadily since its original 48 charter members. Herbert S. Hyatt was the first president and Emerson P. Slacum the first Secretary-Treasurer.



Charter Members, left to right: Vincent Day, Perry Burdette, Buck Gladhill, Roger Burdette, Cleve Hyatt, Everett Jones, Basil Burdette, Herbert Hyatt, Emerson Slacum, Bradley Woodfield

Damascus was incorporated for 24 years at one time in its early history, but gave up its local government with three commissioners in 1914. But the town began to grow after World War II, and the Lions recognized the need for the town to be represented in the county government, so they immediately began filling that role. The Lions Club, in an effort to bring needed services to the community, often partnered with the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department and the American Legion Post 171 that had been organized in 1944 and 1945 respectively. A few of its early projects included bringing regular trash collection and road improvements to Damascus, sponsoring Boy Scout Troup 445 and supporting construction projects at the community ball field. The Lions were strong advocates for the construction of a new high school and along with American Legion Post 171 were instrumental in the installation of street lights in Damascus in the late 1940's. They played a major role in the construction of the community swimming pool and the formation of the Damascus Recreation Association.

Over the years, the Lions Club has taken on a growing number of projects to help the community, its residents, and beyond. Its role in collecting eyeglasses for Third World Countries is well known. White Cane Days occur several times a year to collect funds to support a variety of vision-related projects. In

the 1994-1995 school year the Lions Club provided service dogs to three students in need. The club has sponsored the American Red Cross Bloodmobile in Damascus each year since 1950. They provide medical equipment to residents free of charge. Giving holiday gift baskets to needy families began in the early 1950's. By the 1970's, in collaboration with the Rotary Club, their holiday activities expanded to decorating Main Street with festive wreaths.



Holiday Giving Teams are ready to deliver Holiday food and gifts to 30 families in the Damascus area in 2019.

Youth programs have been a major focus of the organization since the 1960's. A student loan program started in 1967 with the initial funding coming from Damascus Motors. The loan program was eventually replaced by a scholarship program. In 1985 the Lions began sponsoring the LEO Club at Damascus High School.

The Lions Club International Convention of 1988 opened membership to women. In 1989 Lion Helen Boyer, who was also a charter member of the Heritage Society, was the first woman to become a member of the Damascus Lions Club. Since that time, women have steadily held more active roles in the organization, assuming leadership roles as officers and project leaders.



Members in 2021 gathering for a virtual meeting.

From 1946 to the present the Damascus Lions Club has continuously provided needed services to the residents of the Damascus and Clarksburg areas.