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The President's Message

Damascus Lions: As I said at installation night, I am looking forward to an exciting year of Lionism with all of us together again! Working together, meeting together, enjoying each other face-to-face.

Somehow, over the course of almost 30 years in this club, I have avoided holding the office of President. My excuse for holding any office was always that I had a conflict on the second Tuesday of the month, when board meetings were held. Finally, you all outfoxed me, and moved the board meeting to the second Wednesday of the month. So here I am!

And in thinking about those almost 30 years with this club, and I do this often, I think about the many wonderful men and women who have been members of this club over those years. Too many to name, because all of those Lions were such good people; just as you all are today. Lions are just really great people by definition. It's been a great joy to meet with you and work beside you over the past 30 years. And now, to be your leader.

Once again, Lion Carol Stone, thank you for guiding us over the past 12 months. Despite the great difficulties of the time, you and your staff held us together with great aplomb.

I think our club does a great job of balancing community service, fundraising and fellowship. I don't suggest we tinker with that. But what special theme or objective might we have for our next year? Well, I think we would all agree that there is concern for maintaining and building our membership. I thought we might try something in the upcoming year that could add a significant number of new members to our club.

When we look around our fair city of Damascus, we see no Rotary club. We see no junior Chamber of Commerce. We see no service club whatsoever that involves the business community of Damascus. So, I thought we might try, in the upcoming year, to involve the business community in Lionism. How we would do that, exactly? Here is one idea. We could organize and sponsor a luncheon meeting of Damascus business managers at a local restaurant. And if that is well-received, maybe we could continue such luncheons monthly and begin to create a Service Club atmosphere, and ultimately create a Damascus Business Lions Branch Club. Create a branch Lions Club built around Lionism and Business Networking. So, "Lionism Downtown". I think it's worth a try. This project will need support from each of us. Again, I look forward to meeting with you all in-person on a regular basis, working for the community as we have in the past, fundraising, and engaging in fellowship as always!

KL Wayne

JUNE EVENTS

DSA HOME DERBY EVENT – June 19

Chris and I attended the DSA's Home Derby Event at Wesley Grove's ballfield June 19, 2021 between 10 and 2pm after the Valley Park Road Cleanup at 9am. On the Lions table: We received names of people who were interested.

1. We distributed blood drive flyers and pamphlets on what we do as Lions.
2. We collected 15 pairs of Eye Glasses.



3. Queen Lion Carol contributed funding and played T-Ball.
4. We notified Wesley Grove's, Terri Sherwood of the upcoming Food Certification that Tammy Hertel had sent out.
5. Tammy Hertel was also provided Dennis Durham's name; perhaps, we could use DSA for an Ice Cream dipping day since Potomac Lions Club has folded.

It was a great day and the rain held off for us.
IPP Carol Stone

ROAD CLEANUP – June 19

Seven members of the Damascus Lions Club participated in another road cleanup of our adopted road, Valley Park Road. We collected 3 large bags of trash. The following members participated in the event
Lions Barbara Barry, Chris Fletcher, Ray Molesworth, Joe Howerton, John Washington, and Carol Stone.

Lion Daniel A. (Tony) Barry



Where does the Money go???

A couple of opportunities were presented at the June Board Meeting to make contributions to worthy projects that are new to us. First up was the District Childhood Cancer initiative. This is a district-wide program to provide support to families coping with a child undergoing cancer treatments. Lion Michael Shavatt spoke to the club about the program at our May 4th meeting. Our donation of \$250 will be added to those from other clubs to assist families with transportation, housing, meals, or anything they may need to help out during a most stressful time. We have made our donation in memory of Linda Snapp, daughter of Lion Bob Snapp.

Our second donation of \$250 was made to the Greater Carroll County Lions Club in support of helping to supply a young man with Type 1 diabetes who is leaving for college at the University of Delaware in the fall. They are spearheading an effort to provide him with a Diabetes Alert Dog. He has had issues with his blood sugar dropping at night while he sleeps. In spite of his continuous glucose monitor alarms, he is not waking up to take care of himself. While he's still at home, his alarm notifies his mother who wakes him, but when he's at school, he loses that home support. The dog is trained to recognize the drop and will wake him. It's a pretty amazing thing, don't you think? The initial cost of the dog is \$15-20,000 then there will be ongoing costs for food and veterinary care.

If you would like to make a personal donation to either effort, contact Secretary Marcia who can tell you where to send your contribution.

Lion Marcia Holpuch

Upcoming Events:

ICE CREAM ! ICE CREAM! ICE CREAM! WHO SCREAMS FOR ICE CREAM!

The fair is on August 13-August 21 and the Dairy Barn is excited to have many great things happening. Potomac Club is dissolving so we had an opening on Sunday for the Ice Cream Fair. We now have Damascus Sports Association Baseball to work the dairy barn on Sunday and next year it will be Damascus Sports Association football. They were excited to be invited and to get some fundraising opportunities.

I have sent out the flyers asking for student volunteers to help us on Tuesday and I have filled up 10-3 however I still need 3-7pm and 7-11pm for students to help out. I am getting about 3 calls a day so I am sure that will change. If you are a Lions club member you are welcome to come any shift, I can always use adult help. We also really need fresh legs at closing on Tuesday. If you can come and help clean bins and mop and do trash at 9 or 10 that would be great. We also need at least 2 people on Friday August 13 to help from 2-11pm. I would love to have at least 4 Lions from Damascus because we have had other clubs not provide anyone.

Let me know if you can help by emailing tammy_hertel@mcpsmd.org, calling or texting me. 301-370-6414.

I also need to know if someone can take charge on the clean up days July 31 and August 7 from 8:30-12.

I will go by this Friday and see what needs to be done and let you know. I have about 6 student volunteers coming to help. They just need direction what to do. I will take buckets and rags and cleaner and drop it off at the dairy barn.

Lions Charlie & Tammy Hertel

75th ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

Mark your calendars for events in celebration of the Damascus Lions Club 75 YEARS OF SERVICE to the Damascus Community.

ARCHIVES OF DAMASCUS LIONS OPEN HOUSE

Venue - Gladhill Bros. Show Room, Route 27

Preview - Tuesday, August 3 after our Summer Food Dinner at Montgomery UM Church our program will be a preview of the artifacts for Members and guest only, wear your blue shirts for a group picture!

View Damascus Lions records and relics accumulated over the past 75 years.
Drawing for Door Prizes.

Open to the Public – Wednesday, August 4 thru Friday, August 6 from 10 am – 4 pm,
Saturday, August 7 from 10 am – 2 pm

75TH CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 2 – Damascus Vol. Fire Dept. Activities Building, A wonderful evening is being planned. Watch for your invitation in August. You don't want to miss this celebration of 75 years.

The committee will need the willingness of all our members to help with the preparation of both events. Let us know how you would like to assist.

As we move forward in a new Lions year, please remember that we have a 75th Banner for your activity, we have pens and Trifolds that you can distribute and we have a Lions Mascot costume that will enlighten the hearts of children of all ages. Promote our 75th and Lionism however you can.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Pictures from Installation Night



Time to Celebrate

July Birthdays:

Rick Kendall	7/4
Joy Schwab	7/13
Bob Snapp	7/18

Partners in Service

Viola Hibbard (George)	7/6
Peggy Sicotte (Ray)	7/8
Lita Yates (Kevin)	7/17

July Anniversaries:

Ray & Jennifer Molesworth	7/1 (49 yrs)
Nick & Jessica Holpuch	7/11
Vahe & Barbara Aghamalian	7/28 (37 yrs)
Kevin & Lita Yates	7/30 (27 yrs)



Upcoming Events

Thur., Jul 1 - Senior Center Birthday Party -
*****CANCELLED*****

Tues., Jul 6 - 6:45pm, Dinner Meeting at Lion Roy Stanley's - 9100 Damascus Rd. - in person

Wed.-Thur., Jul 7 & 8 - 10am - 3:30pm - Blood Drive @ Grace Fellowship Church - Contact Lion Charlie Hertel to help - redcrossblood.org to donate

Wed., Jul 14 - 7:00pm, Board meeting @ Gladhill's - in person

Tues., Jul 20 - 7:00pm Game Time, Frederick Keys, Christmas in July - Advance Ticket required, \$27 includes food - See Lion Tessie

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