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The President's Message



Damascus Lions: We have so much to look forward to this month of August, and beyond!

Let's start with the return to our annual dinner meeting at Montgomery Methodist Church. It will be held on Tuesday, August 3. After a delicious dinner of fried chicken, corn, tomatoes, and other yummy stuff; and after a VERY BRIEF meeting, we

will drive the ¼ mile to Lion Tess's Gladhill Tractor store for a program led by Lion Mary Frances. Please wear your new blue Damascus Lions shirt.

Our second meeting for August is always replaced by a day of fun and ice cream dipping at the Dairy Barn of the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. Lion Tammy Hertel leads this exciting adventure in fundraising on August 17. Dairy Barn cleanup and preparation will be held on the two Saturday mornings of July 31 and August 7, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Please participate in one or more of these three events. I'll be there on the 7th and the 17th. See you there. And whatever ice cream you consume, pay for it!

Another August activity to look forward to is our party for the seniors of the Damascus Senior Center. Lion Sue Suddath has organized and conducted these parties for many years. They are SO MUCH FUN for all involved: Seniors and Lions! This next party will be held at 1:00 PM at the Center on Thursday, August 5. Please give Lion Sue a hand. Again, I'll see you there. Wouldn't miss it.

Another opportunity to help the Damascus community: Road Cleanup! We do cleanup of Valley Park Drive about every two months. Our next outing will be Saturday morning, August 21. Lion Tony Barry organizes his Cleanup Lions at 9:00 AM at the Damascus High School parking lot (the lot at the North side of the school, just south of Bethesda Church Rd). From there, it's off to Valley Park Drive. It's usually all over within 45 minutes.

It's a snap, right Lion Bob Snapp? If Lion Bob and I can do it, so can you! See you there.

In September, we return to our old friend Wesley Grove Methodist Church for two dinner meetings and many more meetings in the following months. After a long COVID-induced absence from the wonderful people there who cook for us and serve us, we shall make our comeback. Thank you, Wesley Grove, for taking us back, and AMEN!

Finally, let's mention a little about our first meeting of October. This meeting marks 75 years of Damascus Lions service to our community! Our 76th Charter Night is a BIG DEAL! This meeting will be held the evening of Saturday, October 2 (not the first Tuesday of the month). And it will be held at the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Activities Building. Who is cooking for us? The same Wesley Grove UMC team as always, but with an upgrade: Steamship Round and Salmon are on the menu, along with many other delectable food items! You will receive your own invitation by mail. You will hear much more about this over the next couple of months. Your 75th Committee, led by my Lion Mary Frances, has made some terrific plans for this evening of commemoration, remembrance, and fellowship. Stay tuned for many more details, but absolutely put this date on your calendar now. And yes, of course, SEE YOU THERE! KL Wayne

JULY EVENTS

Lions Club Summer Picnic- July 6

OH WHAT A VIEW! Once again the Damascus Lions Club got to enjoy a great view towards the Washington DC area (although a little hazy this time due to the heat) Thanks to Lion Roy Stanley and his lovely wife Kathy for hosting our annual Lions picnic at their beautiful backyard and patio for 2021 on July 6th. To start we had an array of tempting appetizers. We then had a wonderful picnic of fried chicken, steamed shrimp, fresh make your own salad, baked beans & broccoli cheese casserole, both Lion Mary Frances secret recipes, all brought to the table by Lion Mary Frances. Our desserts of cookies and goodies were made by Lion Sue Suddath, good as always, and was enjoyed by all to top off the meal. IPP Carol Stone expanded our 33 Lions and their guests' minds with Lion knowledge & tidbits in a

game of trivia. When a question was answered correctly you received a door prize of homemade jellies made by the grandmother and grandchildren team called the JUNIOR JAMMERS. The grandmother is Kathy Stanley's sidekick and chief all around go to gal, Peggy Easterday. New King Lion Wayne Marr held a brief meeting and kept us informed of what is next for the busy Damascus Lions. After some socializing, stuffing ourselves and the fun, we thanked our host and hostess. We then packed up the leftovers and ourselves and headed home with the warm happy feelings of it is great to be a member of the Damascus Lions Club. Thanks to each and every one of you for being a part of our picnic. Lion Tess Gladhill



Blood Drive - July 7 & 8

The Damascus Lions Club hosted a blood drive at the Damascus Grace Fellowship Seventh-day Adventist Church on Wednesday July 7th and Thursday July 8th, 2021. We collected 62 units of blood for the American Red Cross. I would like to thank Lion Chris Fletcher and Lion Tom Powell for helping work the blood drive. We put up signage, helped donors sign in, worked the canteen and spoke to our donors about Lionism and our upcoming events. I would also like to thank Lion Tammy for donating blood at this drive:)

Our next blood drives are on Thursday September 2nd and Friday September 3rd 2021 from 10am to 3:30pm
Lion Charlie Hertel

Frederick Keys Ballgame – July 20



Well what can you say-The Frederick Keys Baseball Team is no longer connected to the Baltimore Orioles, but is still a part of the Major League Baseball

Association. The Keys are now a group of players trying to get to the Minors, then onto the Majors. This certainly showed in how they played. But we did get to see a ballgame and for those who stayed until the 9th inning got to see the Keys score 3 more runs to make it a 13-7 loss for the Keys. They were playing the West Virginia Black Bears, who are in 1st place in the division and the Keys are at the bottom, kinda like the Orioles! We had a total turnout of 47 Lions, family, friends and guests, to show up and cheer the team on. Before the game we had a private courtyard picnic that included hotdogs, hamburgers with all the fixin's (condiments, onions, tomatoes, lettuce etc). There was also baked chicken, which I heard from several people that is was tasty, cole slaw, chips, water and sodas to quench our thirsts. If you needed a cold brew or a wine you could get one at the local vendor booth. The meal was all you cared to eat and could go back during the 1st hour of the game to get more. Several members of our group were seen getting an ice cream to top of the meal, or maybe they were just trying their taste buds to get ready for the ice cream dipping and churning that we are doing at the upcoming fairs. During the game there were a couple of foul balls that had headed to our section and recovered by some of our group's family and friends, one of which I saw the young man who was with the Lions Barry's family, as he was leaving the game, gave his recovered foul ball to a young fan who was very happy to receive it. Sometimes it's the little thing that is done by a stranger that will be a BIG thing to someone else's happiness. Thanks to all who came and it was great to see Lion Mike Thornett out an about with his fellow Lions. Let's do it again next year!

Lion Tess Gladhill



Upcoming Events:

OPEN HOUSE FOR DAMASCUS LIONS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The 75th Committee will have a prevue of accumulated Damascus Lions memorabilia in the Showroom of Gladhill Bros. beginning Tuesday, August 3, after the Lions Dinner at Montgomery U.M. Church. The display will be available to the public beginning Wednesday, August 4 at 10 AM thru Saturday, August 7th. The display will be available during normal business hours during the week.

For the Prevue for the Lions, Door Prizes will be awarded! So be sure to sign in for a chance to be a recipient.

We welcome any Lion who would like to sit with the display during the week to contact Mary Frances.

75th CELEBRATION

The invitations were in the mail July 30 for the October 2 Celebration. We hope that you receive yours in a timely manner. We encourage you to RSVP promptly and not put it off to the last minute hoping the mail will be delivered on time. The committee will be seeking help from our fellow Lions to make the night an enjoyable one.

And again, promote Damascus Lions thru the use of the 75th banner, our mascot costume, pens and trifold at your upcoming activities. Getting excited!

POPCORN AT THE DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR

The Damascus Community Fair is being held September 10-12. Damascus Lions will be sharing their fresh popcorn with the fair goers and the enthusiasm of Lionism. Mark your calendars so you can help with the popcorn booth and help promote Damascus Lions. A signup sheet will be available at the September 7 meeting. We need help from 8 to 8 on Friday, 10 to 8 on Saturday and 11 – 4 on Sunday. Should you like to sign up ahead of time, email Mary Frances when you would be able to work the booth.

Sight and Hearing Conservation Committee Activities of the Past Fiscal Year 2021-2022

The Damascus Lions Club expended \$855.88 over the past year to help seven financially-strapped eye care patients in the Damascus/Clarksburg area. Two of the seven vision cases were children. Our Committee budget was \$2,000.

When an individual has a vision prescription and just needs help in obtaining glasses, we assign the individual to Damascus Eyeballs in the Damascus Weiss shopping center. When an individual needs both a vision exam and eyewear, we assign the individual to Mt. Airy Eye Care in Mt. Airy. Both of these providers give special low rates for the cases they receive from our Club. Our vision cases come to our attention from: county social services organizations, the Damascus Senior Center, school health staff, vision providers, and directly from the individuals needing services.

This is a very fine offering of our Club to the financially-needy residents of Damascus and Clarksburg. We can be proud of our sight and hearing conservation service to our community.

Lion Wayne Marr

Lions Club Medical Closet

The club medical closet is in the lower level of the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department activities building. On July 16 Lions Gladhill, Marr, Molesworth and Peters spent two hours sorting, inspecting, and making an inventory of the overflowing medical equipment. Obsolete and broken equipment was discarded. Excess equipment was set aside to be picked up by the Maryland Durable Medical Equipment, Re-use Division. The remainder was sorted, organized and stored in the closet. On July 23 Lions Gladhill, Molesworth and Peters returned to the activities building to load excess equipment on the Maryland Durable Medical Equipment truck. The area was swept clean and left an excellent condition.

Lion Ray Molesworth

Time to Celebrate

August Birthdays:

Tom Powell	8/1
Kevin Yates	8/10
Charlie Holpuch	8/21
Patricia McKenzie	8/25
Sandeep Somaiya	8/27

Partners in Service

Joanne Breiner	8/16
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August Anniversaries:

Lauren & London Holbrook	8/11 (3 yrs)
George & Viola Hibbard	8/15 (62 yrs)
Dale & Scott Ryan	8/21 (39 yrs)
Frederick & Christina Manuel	8/21 (25 yrs!)
Warren & Joy Schwab	8/31 (61 yrs)

Upcoming Events

August 3 – Dinner meeting, Montgomery Methodist Church, 6:45 pm

August 11 - Board Meeting, Gladhill Brothers, 7 pm

August 17- Ice Cream Dipping, Montgomery County Fair for more information contact Lions Tammy or Charlie Hertel chtelco@aol.com

August 21- Road clean up, for more information contact Lion Tony Barry daniel8bary@gmail.com, 9 am



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