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The President's Message



So heartwarming! After all we have been through over the past year and a half, we return on Tuesday evening, September 7th to our traditional dinner meeting venue: the Wesley Grove United Methodist Church. (This will be picture night. Please wear your Lions vest.)

While it seems that the world generally has become unglued, thank you, all Damascus Lions, for sticking with and supporting your Club during these difficult times. And thank you, Wesley Grove UMC, for sticking with your Damascus Lions Club. We are true allegiant partners; past, present, and future.

So stressful! The pandemic disruptions of the past 18 months, and ongoing, have brought to people everywhere many perils, heartaches, and challenges that continue to discourage us and cause us anxiety. All levels of Lions organizations, including individual Clubs such as ours, have done their best to help reduce the resulting suffering. Just recently at the international level, LCI quickly responded and approved \$100,000 in emergency funding to allow Lions in Haiti to respond to the urgent needs of their earthquake victims. At our local level, we continue without interruption to provide hospital equipment, provide vision and hearing support, provide financial support to children's organizations, and provide many other helpful functions for our community. Lions do make a big difference in our world and locally.

So not true! Have you heard that Lions membership throughout the world is declining! According to LCI, "Lions membership is increasing. Programs such as Family Clubs, Leo Clubs, Campus Lions Clubs and New Century Lions Clubs, are helping us adapt to meet the growing needs of the world

around us.” Yes, membership at our local level is indeed stressed. The stronger our local membership, the greater our positive impact on our community. At our local Club level, we need a program or two that help us adapt and grow. I have an idea that may be worth a try. Perhaps you do too. Please make your ideas known to the Club. Your Club wants to review your ideas and, with your help, get to work on them.

So busy! This month, we Damascus Lions continue our support of our greater community. We will conduct another blood drive on September 2-3 at Grace Fellowship Church, under the leadership of Lion Charlie Hertel. And with Lion Mary Frances Gosnell as our leader, our Club encourages community spirit with our participation in the Damascus Community Fair during September 9-12.

So forgetful! In 1946, in our haste to create a vibrant and impactful Damascus Lions Club, it seems we forgot to build a clubhouse! Thus, our various Club real assets and supplies are disassembled throughout half a dozen locations; a situation that is growing more chaotic and stressed. Do any Lions have an idea for a cost-effective, climate-controlled location for aggregating our various assets and supplies? Please post your idea to me prior to the September 15 board meeting.

So RSVP! Finally, speaking of 1946, you should have received by USPS your invitation to our 76th Charter Night Gala on October 2. If you did receive it and have not provided your response, please do so now. If you have not received your invitation, please contact Lion Mary Frances immediately. Thanks, Lions!

KL Wayne Marr

AUGUST EVENTS

Ice Cream Dipping- August 17

The Montgomery County fair was 9 days of fun and hard work. I don't have how much we made yet. I will know next week. We had rain some days and it was very hot. Our busiest day was Sunday and we brought in a record of \$10,000.00. That was our DSA baseball day and we did not have enough help but as always some Lions stepped in and helped from all the club's. I want to thank Chris Fletcher for being there everyday with

me and covering me when I had to work or go work in my car. She was my rock. I also want to thank all the lions who helped on Friday and Tuesday. I could not have done it without all the help. I love when the fair begins and I do love it during the week but I'm glad when it ends. Thank you to all the support. Until next year. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Lion Tammy Hertel



(More ice cream pictures on page 7)

Road Cleanup- August 21

The Damascus Lions Club performed a road cleanup effort on Saturday August 21, 2021. This was not our usual clean up, this time we decided to tackle Main Street Damascus! It was a bit challenging as we were unable to get all the debris cleared away because it will require the County's large sweeper to make several passes through the town. The streets were also full of tree limbs and branches which are a hazard to anyone using the sidewalks. I'd like to thank Lions Joe Howerton, Bob Ippolito and KL Wayne. We cleaned up three large trash bags of weeds, trash and debris from the main street in Damascus, but we were

only able to scratch the surface of the issue. We really need to get Montgomery County to sweep Main Street.

Lion Daniel A. Barry

Visitation Opportunities

To qualify for District 22C 5 Star Award, our Lions Club is expected to maintain an active visitation program with other Lions Clubs. Visitations include club meetings, social events, and fund raisers. Attending another club's fund-raising event is an excellent way to obtain new fund-raising ideas for the Damascus Lions Club. Lions' clubs in District 22C and 22W are scheduling fund-raising events for 2021-2022, after being shut down for a year due to the pandemic. Please be aware of Lions Club fund raising functions in areas where you may be vacationing this year. Stop by the function to observe and participate in the fund raiser. Let me know via an email to jrmolesworth03@gmail.com if you make a visitation. No paperwork is involved. Just confirm the name of the club visited, date of the visit and the name of the visiting Lion or Lions.

Lion Ray Molesworth

Upcoming Events

DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR

As of now, the Damascus Community Fair is a go! It is scheduled for September 10, 11 and 12 at the DVFD Activity grounds. It is a free event showered with exhibits from animals to art to food and much more. Money premiums are presented to the ribbon winners. Pick up a catalog at Gladhill's and enter some of your creations.

With some restrictions such as food from Food Trucks only, no ice cream contest and no bake sale, the fair will open on Friday, September 10. The Damascus Lions can pop popcorn. We must seal the bags as we bag it! So that is going to take another person in the process. We pop the corn for three days!!! The popcorn is free to the fair goers and they look forward to it from breakfast to late night snack. We permeate the grounds and fair goers follow the scent. Our booth is outside. However, we will still need to wear masks and gloves!

The fair is the best bargain in town. Why not come by and check it out on September 9, 10 and 12. It is held at the DVFD Activity grounds. So you say, what makes it a must on your calendar? It is a free event. You can

bring the family, visit the Home Arts, garden and farm exhibits, check out the animals, enjoy the entertainment, watch the garden tractor pull, get acquainted with the vendors and help the Lions meet and greet the fair goers while giving out free popcorn! We need Lions to help with the popcorn, talk to the fair goers and promote the Damascus Lions and their projects. Lion Chris, Membership Chair, has a goal for new members – we can help her obtain that goal. Previously, we have gained new members as a result of the fair and this outreach project. The three day OUTREACH is immeasurable!

Lion Tess Gladhill is the Entry Night Chairperson and she is looking for Lions who would like to help with entries on Thursday evening from 4 pm – 8 pm. We will have a sign-up sheet at the September 7th meeting for assisting Tess with entries on Thursday night and to share Lionism as well as work with the popcorn on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There is a schedule attached for Lions to volunteer a time to help. Email Lion Mary Frances a time that you are able to help in the popcorn booth. Mark your calendars now to sign up to work at the Damascus Community Fair Lions popcorn and membership booth! (See signup sheet on page 8)

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

FALL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

As of this writing, we are planning on having the Fall Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, October 23 - in today's atmosphere, this could change! In the meantime, put the breakfast on your calendar. So stay tuned! There were tickets sold from the March 2019 Pancake Breakfast. They will be honored at the October 23, 2021 breakfast. Should your folks not keep their tickets, we can replenish them.

75th Celebration

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the 75th Celebration Saturday, October 2.

Should you not have had the opportunity to respond to our invitation, please do so now!

We are planning an enjoyable evening for you and our guests – recognitions of International guests, District guests Community Service volunteers, Past Presidents and, of course, you, our Lions; All who have served our communities during the past 75 years. And a guest speaker who will bring a hilarious spark of our heritage! As of now, masks will be required!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Time to Celebrate

September Birthdays:

Carol Stone	9/1
Suresh Malhotra	9/10
Kim Harper Coup	9/13
Roy Stanley	9/19
Anthony Allen	9/30*

*Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

Colleen Newlin (Bob)	9/10
Melissa Washington (John)	9/14
Kathy Thornett	9/17

September Anniversaries:

Tony & Barbara Barry	9/5 (34 yrs)
Del & Bonnie Mayhew	9/8 (59 yrs)
Joe & Angie Howerton	9/13 (15 yrs)
John & Melissa Washington	9/20 (41 yrs)
John & Katie Holpuch	9/28 (8 yrs)



Upcoming Events

September 2-3 – Blood Drive, Grace Fellowship Church, for more info contact Lion Charlie Hertel chtelco@aol.com, 10 am – 3:30 pm

September 7 – Dinner meeting & Club Photo, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm

September 10-12- Damascus Community Fair, DVFD Building

September 15 (Wednesday) - Board Meeting- Gladhill Brothers, 7 pm

September 21 – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC, prospective member night, 6:45 pm

October 2 – Charter Night- DVFD Activities Building

October 11- Golf Tournament -Glade Valley Golf Club, Shotgun Start – 9:00 a.m. – see flyer on page 9

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Picture below is from our 75th Celebration Display of Memorabilia at Gladhill's on Aug 3



Ice Cream Dipping

