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## The President's Message

October 2021 was another period full of contributions to others. Lions do so much for our community! And we give the people of the Damascus area community opportunities to contribute as well.

What a fantastic 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday

we celebrated! Our 76<sup>th</sup> Charter Night was "one for the books", what can we say more? See the reports from Mary Frances for details. It took the contributions of all Lions to make this the success that it was.

The Damascus Community Fair also celebrated 75 years this past month! A few of us Damascus Lions attended their annual dinner. We provided \$100 of prize money to several youth winners of craft entries. And then we turned to the Fair President and presented a check for \$500 to the Fair Board for all they do for our community. Our contributions were heartily appreciated by all attendees.

Our golf tournament fundraiser on October 9 was another great experience. So many Lions and everyday people contributed their time and/or money to make our tournament the success that it was. Our golfers pay well more than twice the going tee time rate, just so that they can make a monetary contribution for the good of the community.

Eleven Lions attended the funeral of our kind and talented member Martin Carr on October 16. We contributed our presence and our words of praise. The family was deeply appreciative.

Now I must tell you about an unusual personal experience during the Lions Road Cleanup on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Lion Ray Molesworth and I were on each side of the east end of Valley Park Drive, headed to the center finishing point, when the driver of a humble-looking panel truck (stopped as it was about to exit an apartment complex) put a question to me: "Are you getting paid for this", he asked? I pointed to my Lions cap and told him "No, we are Lions; members of a service club." Then he placed \$30 into my hand and told me to use it

for lunch for Ray and me! I kept the \$30 (he wanted to make his contribution) and I have since turned it over to our Foundation Treasurer. What a heartwarming experience! of the Damascus AREA community.

One more thing: I visited the Damascus Heritage Museum recently to see how our memorabilia was presented there. It seems that the museum is focusing on service club history at this time. The museum has thoughtfully presented our materials and those of the Damascus Community Fair, the local 4H Club, and the Damascus YW Women. You will enjoy your visit.

-KL Wayne Marr

## OCTOBER EVENTS

### 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### 76TH CHARTER NIGHT

Two and half years ago, April 4, 2019, the 75th Anniversary Committee held its first meeting. The Committee met every three months to begin with and then every two months until a finale of every month then two weeks! It was an awesome ride! The committee took assignments and enlisted many Lions to put the year of celebration together.

From publishing an up-to-date History of the Club, to organizing our artifacts and records, to creating a trading pin in honor of our 75 years, to producing a 75th Anniversary calendar with pictures and member birthdays noted, to looking for a venue only to being stumped by Covid!!! And more! The committee forged on undauntingly!

Thus our 75th Charter Night was held via Zoom! And what a night that was with PIP Clem Kusiak and PID Joe Gaffigan participating. We ordered shirts to wear celebrating 75 years only to realize that we did not have any place to wear them - we were still mandated to not gather. We had plans to do some activities for fun and to do some serious things only to have to table them. So, all in all, when we started to get back to some normalcy, we seriously started focusing on October 2, 2021.

Our 75th Anniversary Celebration, our 76th Charter Night, was one to be remembered in many ways. The evening was well attended,

Our October White Cane fundraiser did well, as did our Clarksburg Shredfest. It's a good thing when we include Clarksburg in our fundraising and service projects. We are, after all, the Lions Club

the caterer, Wesley Grove UM Church, prepared a scrumptious meal for us, the décor was so inviting and we honored many of our members for their continued support in serving our Club and our Communities!

As Chairman of the 75th Committee, it has been, indeed, a pleasure to work with this hardworking committee. And also, it has been a pleasure to work with the many Lions who assisted in many ways to make the celebration one to remember. Give yourselves a "Pat On The Back"! I will not recognize you by name but you know who you are. Your Support paved many paths to the road for the memorable 75th Celebration. Please accept my sincere Thank You!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL! To the Committee, To the Members of our Club, To our Partners-In-Service and To our guests - WHAT A YEAR TO REMEMBER! 2021!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

PS And the committee has already started for the 100th Anniversary. Lion Bob Snapp and I will be on the committee!!!!!!



*Keynote speaker Bernadine Beall*

## LIONS HONORED AT 75TH CELEBRATION

The following Lions were honored at our 75th Celebration for their untiring contributions and service to our Club, our Community and the World!

**LIFE MEMEBERSHIP** - Lion Jack Peters and Lion Ray Molesworth

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DOUGLAS K. ALEXANDER** - Lion Bob Snapp and Lion Marcia Holpuch

**KUSIAK YOUTH FOUNDATION** - Lion Tammy Hertel

**GAFFIGAN FELLOWSHIP, CAMP MERRICK** – Lion Marcia Holpuch

**LIONS VISION RESEARCH FOUNDATION, ARNOLD PATZ FELLOWSHIP** - Damascus Lions Club in honor of 75 years of service

**SLACUM COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD** – Lion Vahe Aghamalian

**LION OF THE YEAR** - Lion Joe Howerton

**LION OF THE YEARS** - Lion Sue Suddath

**MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIPS** - Lion Martin Carr, Lion Chris Fletcher, Lion George Hibbard

**INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS** - Lion Bob Ippolito and Lion Eloise Woodfield

**PROCLAMATIONS** - State of Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and Montgomery Executive Marc Erlich

**RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE**- Wesley Grove United Methodist Church for being our bi-monthly meeting place since 1985 - presented a plaque  
(See photos on pages 5, 8 & 9)

## ROAD CLEANUP- October 9

On Saturday October 9, six members of the Damascus Lions Club participated in the road cleanup of our adopted road, Valley Park road. The following members participated in the event Lions Wayne Marr, Carol Stone, Barbara Barry, Bob Ippolito and myself, Tony Barry. We collected 4 large bags of trash AND \$30! A

utility worker asked KL Wayne if he was getting paid for cleaning up the road. Wayne replied “No I’m a volunteer” and pointed to his Lion hat. The man handed Wayne \$30, thanked him, blessed him and told him and Lion Ray to get lunch!

Our next clean up will be Dec 11.

Lion Daniel A. (Tony) Barry



## White Cane- October 27 - 30

### Fall 2021 Damascus White Cane Days

Damascus Lions: Congratulations! At Safeway and CVS for three days (25 shifts), we received \$1,529.12, for a shift average of \$61.16. Absolutely every shift was important to our total. We had twenty-four dedicated Damascus Lions performing storefront collections.

Then, along came Saturday’s collection at our Clarksburg Shred Fest, which provided an additional \$834.00! So, our grand total was \$2,363.12! Thank you, Storefront Lions; and thank you, Shredfest! During our first CVS shift on Wednesday, we were very unlucky that a CVS regional supervisor just happened to stop by the store. He told the local manager that soliciting at the store was verboten. So, we had to vacate CVS for the rest of the week. We reassigned CVS Lions to Safeway and only lost one shift as a result. Good News: the local manager says we can try again next Spring.

Think the word: “Lion” in front of every name in this 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 Hibbard, Tom Jackson, and Del & Bonnie Mayhew. But the biggest thanks always go to our twenty-four storefront Lions listed below and to Chris Fletcher, our collections-master at the Shredfest.

### Special Recognitions:

Three Over-\$100-in-One-Shift Awards go to:



- Jack Peters, who collected \$108.59 at Safeway on Wednesday afternoon;
- Barbara Barry, who collected \$114.89 at Safeway on Thursday afternoon; and
- Bob Newlin and wife Colleen, who at Safeway on Friday afternoon collected \$139.72!

The **Bert Lahr Lion Courage Award** goes to:

- Bob Ippolito, who was summarily tossed from his post by CVS regional management on Wednesday afternoon, and then brought all his equipment (including the big sign!) down to Safeway.

#### Storefront Lions:

Here is the list of Damascus Lions (and helpers) who gave of their time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses):

Aghamalian, B. Barry, Fletcher(2!), Gladhill, Gosnell(2!), C. Hertel, T. Hertel, Hibbard(2!), M Holpuch, Howerton, Ippolito, B. Marr, W. Marr, C. Newlin, R. Newlin, Peters, Sain, W. Schwab, Snapp, Stallworth, C. Stone, Ch. Stone, Washington, Woodfield. Thank you, one and all storefront Lions!

—Lion Wayne Marr



#### ShredFest- October 30

On Saturday morning October 30th the Lions held the first ever Clarksburg Shred Fest to coincide with our Fall White Cane fundraising efforts. Lions Wayne Marr, Bon Snapp, Barbara Barry, Joe Howerton, Chris Fletcher, Ray Molesworth, Mary Frances Gosnell, Charlie & Carol Stone were joined by 10 student volunteers to assist with the event. 73 vehicles were served collecting a total of \$834 for white cane. A special thanks to WesBanco for covering the significant cost of the shred truck. Their financial support is critical to making these events possible.

Lion Joe Howerton



## Lions Visitations

Your Lions Club has an active visitation program to promote the exchange of ideas among different Lions Clubs. This is also a requirement for the club to qualify for the annual District 22C Five Star and the District Governor's Exceptional Award. The qualifying requirements for the Five Star Award are to obtain enough visitation points equal to 50% of the club total membership. Points equal to 100% of the club's membership are needed for the Exceptional Award.

Every Lions Club member is requested to make at least one visitation to another Lions Club during the year. A Visitation is made when a Damascus Lion visits another club's meeting, fund raiser or social event. You must notify the secretary of the other club prior to attending a club or social event. Notifications are not necessary when attending a fund raiser. I can supply contact information for Clubs in Districts 22C and 22W. Also be alert for visitation opportunities when traveling.

Lion Ray Molesworth

## Pictures from 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration



Lions Ray Molesworth &  
Jack Peters Receiving  
Life Membership

## Upcoming Events

### HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT 2021

Mark your calendars for the Holiday Giving Project. We have signed up for 25 families. However, if more families are not spoken for, our Board has approved an additional 5 families. Team Sign-up Sheets will be available at the November 16th meeting. Our hub for the project will be Gladhill Bros. show room.

**December 15 – Collect canned food from schools and sorting the food**

**December 16 and 17 - packing boxes and other packing for deliveries**

**December 18 – Delivery to families**

Thanks

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Chairman Holiday Giving Committee

## Pictures from 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration



New Member Induction by PIP Clem Kusiak, Sponsor Chris Fletcher, New Member Bob Ippolito,  
King Lion Wayne Marr, New Member Eloise Woodfield, Sponsor Mary Frances Gosnell

## Time to Celebrate

### November Birthdays:

Mary Frances Gosnell	11/4
Tess Gladhill	11/6
Dale Ryan	11/10
Mike Thornett	11/12
Tammy Hertel	11/17

### Partners in Service

Fran Peters (Jack)	11/4
Jessica Holpuch (Nick)	11/10
Gail Powell (Tom)	11/13
Jonnie Jackson (Tom)	11/21

### November Anniversaries:

Charlie & Carol Stone	11/22 (24 yrs)
Wayne & Bobbie Marr	11/30 (2 yrs)

## Upcoming Events

**November 2** - Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm

**November 4-5** – Blood Drive, Grace Fellowship Church, for more info contact Lion Charlie Hertel [chtelco@aol.com](mailto:chtelco@aol.com), 10am – 3:30 pm

**November 10** Board Meeting, Gladhill Brothers, 7 pm

**November 16** - Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm



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# Pictures from 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration



Certificates of Service from IP Douglas Alexander were presented to Lion Bob Snapp and Lion Marcia Holpuch

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Lions Chris Fletcher & George Hibbard

receiving Melvin Jones from PID Richard Liebno

Gaifgan Fellowship



Kusiak Fellowship presented to Lion Tammy Hertel by PID Clem Kusiak.



Lion Joe Howerton receiving the Lion of the Year Award