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The President's Message



It seems that wherever there is a Lions organization, there is likely to be found a foundation.

When you become a Damascus Lion, you become part of a local Club with over 75 years of service to our local community. And our club has its foundation, which collects

funds from our community and redistributes those funds to the less fortunate among us. Our local community includes Damascus and the surrounding areas not served by another Lions Club. You all know the many services and contributions provided by our club.

Also, as members of the Damascus Lions Club, we are an important part of our District 22C. Using leadership, hard work, and monies contributed by its member clubs, our District makes a huge difference over a wide geographical area through its foundation: The Lions Community Outreach Foundation (LCOF). LCOF is an organization with huge impact in vision and hearing services throughout its vast area of responsibility. The Damascus club contributes both our energies and our money to LCOF.

And then there is the next level upward: Multiple District 22. MD22 has many foundations and committees that serve a very wide area. Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF) is an extremely active MD22 foundation that greatly supports the Wilmer Eye Institute's Department of Low Vision. Our club contributes needed funds to LVRF.

And, of course, there is the International Association of Lions Clubs, also supported by our Damascus Club. Every Lion and club are, in turn, supported by our international association with tools and technology to enhance our club's ability to provide service to our local community. And then there is the

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) which makes a huge impact globally.

It's great to be a Lion in support of our local community. And it's also great to be a Lion in support of the many foundations, at all levels of Lionism, which aggregate our vast resources to make positive impacts over broad areas of our planet.

KL Wayne Marr

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Blood Drive - November 4 & 5

The Damascus Lions Club hosted a blood drive at the Damascus Grace Fellowship Seventh-day Adventist Church on Thursday November 4th and Friday November 5th, 2021.

We collected 65 units of blood for the American Red Cross.

I would like to thank Lion Chris Fletcher and Lion Sue Suddath 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.

We had two young female Leo's from Damascus High School help as well set up and take down for the drive. Thank You to all who donated to support this blood drive.

Our next American red Cross Blood Drives are on Thursday January 6th and Friday January 7th, 2022 from 10am to 3:30pm

After that the last drive for Lions Year 2021-2022 is Thursday March 3rd and Friday March 4th, 2021.

Scheduling ahead for 2022-2023

Thursday May 5th and Friday May 6th, 2022

Thursday July 7th and Friday July 8th, 2022

Lion Charlie Hertel

Holiday Meeting - December 21st

We love to see your partner at our annual Holiday meeting. Please let Lion Tess know if you will be attending and bringing a guest by Friday, December 17th. We will be doing a gift exchange as well. If you would like to participate, please bring a gift valued at no more than \$15.

Lion Marcia Holpuch

Holiday Wreaths – Nov 26

Lions Light Up Damascus on Black Friday

On Friday Nov 26, the Lions Club of Damascus continued a 30+ year tradition by hanging the Christmas wreaths on the lamp posts throughout Damascus. I was pleased to see so many Lions and friends participate in this

festive event. We gathered at the Damascus McDonalds at 9am on Friday morning and after a brief "how to" clinic given by Lion Tony Barry, they split up into teams and began hanging the



wreaths. It was a cool Friday morning as the wreath hangers were wishing for gloves! As always, the task took us about an hour to finish. I want to thank Lions Del Mayhew, KL Wayne Marr, Ray Molesworth, Barbara Barry, Jack Peters, Bob Ippolito, and Chris Fletcher. The friends of the Lions who helped were Nick Doan, Victoria McCarthy-Barry, husband Joe McCarthy, John Barry, Elizabeth Barry and 1 DHS Leo, Addison Howard, her mom and her younger brother. (More pictures on page 8)

Lion Tony Barry



Lion Tony, Daughters Elizabeth & Victoria, Son John & Son-in-law Joe!

It's a Wonderful Life – Nov 27

It was a Wonderful Night! As eight Lions, Barbara & Tony Barry, Chris Fletcher, Tess Gladhill, Wayne & Bobbie Marr, Bob Newlin and Mike Thornett & fourteen of their family and friends attended the movie, It's A Wonderful Life on the big screen at the Weinberg Center for The Arts, in downtown Frederick MD on Saturday November 27 at the 3pm showing. Although the movie was originally at the theaters in 1946 and every one of us has seen it many times on the television screen, it certainly was a grand experience seeing it in all its glory on the theater screen as it was meant to be shown. It also made it a better experience because the theater was such a grand old venue, that would have shown the original movie back in the day. As always at the end of the movie, there were very few dry eyes among the crowd, as we all got out of our seats to leave. Upon exiting the theater, wiping our eyes, 13 members of our group, had taken the short stroll down Market Street, to Brewers Alley Restaurant for a group dinner. This is a beautiful small town with lots of charm and Christmas spirit this time of year. While at the restaurant, our group continued with a Wonderful Night of togetherness as we drank, shared appetizers, laughed, talked and ate dinner, continuing our comradery for several hours. Thanks to all of you for coming out to have a fun night together. So it is truly A Wonderful Life to be a part of our Damascus Lions Club.

Lion Tess Gladhill

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT MOVING FORWARD

This is a Giving Project of our Damascus Lions since the beginnings – 75 years! Many things have changed in making it happen but the real reason has not - Serving our Community!

We have signed up for 30 families for our Holiday Project – 74 children, 60 adults!

We put the project into motion on November 6 at Dominic's, Green Valley Shopping Center with the Tradesmen Motorcycle Club. They had a great response with lots of quality toys and cash.

In lieu of asking Lions to donate items, the committee has decided to UP the Gift Card from Safeway. The cost of food has skyrocketed. Thus, please be generous in your contribution to "Albert's Jar"!

Signup sheets were passed around at the November 16 meeting for picking up food from school drives, for teams to pack and deliver, for food sorting and to clean up.

We need YOU! We need more Lions to sign up for a TEAM. Otherwise, the teams will be delivering up to 5 families. We will have fellow Lions to pack your food if you are not available to pack. We need help in delivering! A large vehicle or truck is helpful! We will ask for volunteers again at the December 7 meeting. In the meantime, contact Mary Frances to be a part of a TEAM! Should you feel, you cannot carry those heavy food boxes, we have some Leos coming to help us.

The Project will take place at Gladhill Tractor, Route 27 and 80.

Our Schedule to put the project together is –

December 1 – Shopping for outfits for the children

December 15 - Bob Newlin is organizing Lions and pick-up trucks to gather the canned foods from Schools. Contact Bob if you can help.

December 15 6:30 pm - Sorting the canned foods at Gladhill Tractor.

December 16 and 17 – Noon to 5 pm. Teams pack food boxes for families. Gifts and Toys will be packed as well. We can use help with a variety of chores.

December 18 8:30 AM – Teams deliver the food and gifts to their families. Teams will congregate around 7:30 for coffee and buns!

Thanks Damascus Lions for taking the time to serve our community families!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Christmas Past!

Who are these people?



DECEMBER EVENTS

Preschool Vision- December 4



Vision and hearing screenings have kept the Damascus Lions Club very busy. We went from one end of the spectrum to the other for vision and hearing screenings. A vision/hearing screening event was held at the Damascus Senior Center on Monday Nov. 29. The equipment was set up in 2 rooms. King Lion Wayne conducted the hearing tests in one room and down the hall in another room Lion Vahé did vision, and South Potomac Lion Mark Leroux, did the glaucoma screenings. Lion Chris escorted the seniors from one testing room to the other. The seniors were very appreciative of our support and many commented that we should try to hold these screening more often. There were 17 screenings completed.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, preschool vision screenings were conducted at Lion Tess's Cookies with Santa at Gladhill Tractors. Lion Julie had the parents fill out the permission form, Lion Vahé manned the camera, Lion Chris led the children from the sign-in table to screening area and then gave them each their prized Lions sticker and Lion Eloise sold raffle tickets for the Holiday Basket and took in donations. Lion Patricia and her family stopped by for a visit. We also had a visit from Lion Tammy Buckley of the Aberdeen Lions Club who had brought her grandchildren to see Santa. Lions Patricia, Eloise and I chatted with her about the activities of the Aberdeen club. We completed 9 screenings. I want to thank all the Lions who came out to support these activities.

Lion Chris Fletcher

Damascus Senior Center Holiday Birthday Party – December 2

Twenty-five “Youngsters” welcomed the Lions Team for their Holiday Birthday Party Thursday, December 2. Lion Elfs Ray, Chris, Eloise and Mary Frances entertained the “Youngsters” with games honing in on their creative skills, making and decorating paper Christmas Trees and guessing games to Holiday Bingo. The “Younsters” enjoyed refreshments of ice cream, homemade cookies and soda as well as a goodie bag. We celebrated the birthday of “Smitty”! We truly missed our Lion Santa, Lion Sue, leading the visit. Our thanks go to her daughter for organizing the games and packaging the goodies bags. It is always a great way to introduce the Holiday Season to these “Youngsters” – they look forward to the Lions, so we are told, as the Lions plan a party that they can be involved in and enjoy! Mary Frances Gosnell improvising for Lion Sue Suddath!



Time to Celebrate

December Birthdays:

Bob Breiner	12/5
Mark Searles	12/13*
Tony Barry	12/17
Del Mayhew	12/29

*Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

Tom Marley (Julie Sain)	12/12
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December Anniversaries:

None

Upcoming Events

December 2 – Senior Birthday Party, Damascus Senior Center

December 4 - 10am-1pm, Cookies with Santa @ Gladhill's

December 7 – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm

December 14– Board Meeting, Gladhill Brothers, 7 pm

December 15- 18 – Holiday Baskets, Gladhill Brothers

December 21 – Holiday Party, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm



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