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## **The President's Message**



Happy New Year 2022!  
We all look forward to the new year of Lions Club service projects, fundraisers, and club activities. There will be plenty to do for all of us. Soon you will receive your club calendar of events for the next six months. Please make notes, in your own

calendars, of the many upcoming Lions Club events. And here's a thought: let's each try to participate in at least one event in which we haven't participated recently (or ever). It's fun to do something new; maybe something just out of our comfort zone. "Something New In Twenty-Two!"

I would like to review for you a little basic information about our two budgets and associated accounts:

1) our Damascus Lions Club Foundation, Inc budget and 2) our Damascus Lions Club budget. Every month, your Board carefully reviews the Foundation bank accounts (three CDs and a checking account) and reviews Foundation income and expenses compared to budget. We do the same with the Club account (a checking account). All accounts are with the Damascus office of WesBanco.

The "Foundation" budget is for money that flows back into our community and flows to other Lions organizations whose funds are all expended into beneficence projects. All money collected from our local citizens, by way of our fundraisers and by way of donations, is managed in our Foundation account. We have a very sound and well managed Foundation treasury that will continue to be healthy well into the future.

The "Club" budget is for money that we, as a club, expend on ourselves. Money for this account is primarily accumulated via semi-annual dues and from meals payments. Funds from our annual auction, our 50-50s, and our Tail Twister "twists" also are income to the Club account. Meals income just barely pays for our meal expenses. Dues income pays for our local club administrative expenses, dues we forward to upper Lions echelons, and other assorted minor expenses. Again, our Club account is in excellent health, managed well, and is good for the long haul.

To learn more about our budget details, feel free to attend any monthly Board Meeting; always on the Wednesday which is 8 days following the first Tuesday of the month. Our dinner meeting attendance levels of late have shown a bit of an uptick! I sure hope that continues. It helps bolster our confidence in our future to see a good turnout at our dinner meetings. Thank you all for your commitment to our Lions Club of Damascus over the years. It's one of the things that makes our lives special and meaningful. Once again: "Happy New Year"!

....*Wait! There's More!*

## Unwreathing America

Fellow Lions. Here's an interesting January Service project to de-wreath the Baltimore National Cemetery on January 15. Let's meet and carpool from the DHS parking lot (off of Bethesda Church Rd) at 9:00 AM January 15. Let's wear our Lions caps. Please email to let me know if you can join us (waynemarr@aol.com). Below are more details in the exact words of the lady in charge: Volunteers are needed on Saturday, 15 January 2022, at 1000, to remove the wreaths from veterans graves. Registration is not required; however, masks will most likely be mandated. Please dress according to the weather.

On arrival at Baltimore National Cemetery (BNC), 5501 Frederick Ave Baltimore, MD 21228, drive straight into the cemetery. Proceed up the hill and make the first right.

Someone will either be directing traffic or it will be evident as you continue driving where everyone is parking.

There are over 5,000 wreaths to be removed from Sections D and E at Baltimore National Cemetery and another 2,000 from Loudon Park National Cemetery (2 miles down the road). I've seen wreaths removed in a number of ways (pick up and carry as many as you can, bring a wagon and load wreaths onto it, or use a pole/rake/broom and slide as many wreaths as you are able to carry on the pole.) All the wreaths will be discarded / placed in dumpsters being provided by Junkluggers. The length of time to accomplish removal will depend on the number of volunteers we have.

KL Wayne Marr

## DECEMBER EVENTS

### HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT NUMBERS

30 families, 142 people including 49 children under 12 years old and 25 teens served, 55 Lions and family members involved, Tradesmen Motorcycle Club members and friends, 5 Leos, and an estimate of 8 friends of Lions working on the project, Oh - another estimate - 370 accumulated hours of time from beginning to end!!!

Impressive – well look at these numbers!

Estimated 2500 plus non perishable food items collected by Baker Middle School, Rocky Hill Middle Leos, Clarksburg High Leos, Damascus High Leos, 250 plus toys collected by the Tradesmen Motorcycle Jingle Bell Toy Run, 2500 cookies baked and packaged by the Goldstein Family, 30 bags of apples donated by Butlers Orchard, 150 toothbrushes donated by Damascus Dental, 30 boxes of candy canes donated by Erma (Former Safeway employee); Items purchased by Damascus Lions were 90 loaves of bread, 30 can openers, 30 tubes of toothpaste, 30 packages of School supplies, 49 outfits for Children, 25

Kohl's gift cards for 25 teens and 30  
Safeway Gift cards for the families.

The project used \$5,500 of the Holiday Giving Fund while Lions Bob Snapp and Roy Stanley are in the midst of collecting from area businesses. An estimated value of the project is \$16,000. WOW!

Lions you have made a difference is so many lives thru this project - from the families who received and from those of us who participated in the project - It brings everyone joy in believing there is still a lot of good in this world, in this community!!! Thanks to all of you for bringing that JOY to our neighbors! And a sincere hope that all of you are safe, well and healthy!

Mary Frances Gosnell



### **Damascus Lions Club Storage Unit**

As of December 1, 2021 the club has rented a mini storage unit at the Twin Arch Self Storage Center, 102 Century Drive, Mount Airy, MD 21771. The unit is a 5' by 14' outside unit. The plan is to move all Lions Club that can be stored in a non-climate controlled unit until a climate controlled unit becomes available in the appropriate size. When a climate controlled unit becomes available all property can be moved into that unit including property the needs a climate controlled space. The monthly cost is \$90.00 and billed to the administrative fund treasurer. The lease is month to month. I will be

coordinating the move of club property from individual residences to the storage unit during January 2022. Some items have already been moved into the unit. All property will be labeled and organized in the unit. Lion Chris Fletcher has donated two sets of Keter Shelving for use in the unit. The Club Lion Tamer will take control of the mini storage after all items are moved into the unit. Our unit is number 676 and the gate code is \*11946#.

Lion Ray Molesworth

### **POINSETTIA DELIVERY**

This Holiday Season, poinsettias were delivered to Mary Belcher, Sue Seabold, Helen Mahylis, all widows of deceased Lions. Also deliveries were made to Joanne Woodson who is suffering with shingles and Sue Suddath recuperating from a broken femur. A delivery was made to King Lion Wayne and First Lady Bobbi as well!



Lions Elves Chris Fletcher and Mary Frances Gosnell made the deliveries possible



## Time to Celebrate

### January Birthdays:

Bob Newlin	1/6
Bob Williams	1/13*
Katie Holpuch	1/23
Ben Lewis	1/29

\*Significant Birthday

### Partners in Service

None

### January Anniversaries:

None



## Upcoming Events

**Tues., Jan 4** - 6:45pm, Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

**Thur.-Fri., Jan 6-7** - 10am-3:30pm - Blood Drive @ Grace Fellowship Church, to help contact Lion Charlie Hertel, to donate: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

**Wed., Jan 12** - 7:00pm, Board meeting @ Gladhill's

**Tues., Jan 18** - 6:45pm, Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

**Sat. Jan 22** - 9:00am, Road Cleanup for more information contact Lion Tony at [daniel8barry@gmail.com](mailto:daniel8barry@gmail.com)

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## Pictures from our Holiday Party on December 21



*KL Wayne and his Elf!*



*Mary Frances & Santa*



## Holiday Giving Pictures



More Pictures from Holiday Giving

