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The President's Message



It's great to be a person who serves his/her community! Consider the alternative: to be a person who DOES NOT SERVE his/her community. Dream for a moment and consider what losses you would experience if you were

not a Damascus Lion:

- 1) You would lose the pride in yourself that you now feel because you serve your community (such as helping with road cleanup; Celebrate Damascus; community benches; the Damascus Community Fair; Holiday Giving; holiday wreaths; senior holiday parties; shredfests; blood drives; medical equipment loan closet; preschool vision screening; providing vision exams, eyeglasses, and hearing aids; used eyeglass collection and reuse; Leo coordination; scholarships; and youth recognitions.) Because you serve your community, you feel pride that others are unable to experience.
- 2) You would lose the self-esteem you now feel because you help your club with foundation fundraisers. Those fundraisers (flea markets, golf tournaments, Dairy Barn, pancake breakfasts, white cane, and others) provide money to support many of the services we

- 3) provide to our community. Imagine being a person without that good feeling you get when you help with fundraising.
- 4) You would lose that sense of fulfillment you now get when you take leadership responsibility for one or more service projects, fundraisers, internal club activities, or serving as a club officer.
- 5) You would lose the joyful camaraderie of fellow Lions you now feel while participating in dinner meetings, service projects, fundraisers, and special club events. Think of all the best people you have known in your life. Are not many of them the Lions you know in our club, past and present? What a BAD DREAM that was! Not a LION? Never! Always a Lion, thank goodness!-
KL Wayne Marr

JANUARY EVENTS

UNWREATHING A MILITARY CEMETARY

On Saturday, January 15, four Damascus Lions joined other volunteers for a couple of hours of service to the Baltimore National Cemetery section of the Loudon Park Cemetery in Baltimore, MD. We “de-wreathed” over 2,000 wreaths that were put on service member graves in December by Wreaths Across America. Weather was VERY COLD! (more pictures on page 6)



This photo was taken during work in progress. We had to lug all the wreaths to the main road within the cemetery; first to a truck (which we totally filled), and then to the roadside for pickup later by other trucks.

Eye Glass & Hearing Aid Drop off

Locations:

Damascus Library

9701 Main Street, Damascus
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department
26334 Ridge Road, Damascus

Eyeballs

26035 Ridge Road, Damascus
Montgomery Village Eye Care
18310 Montgomery Village Ave, Suite 105,
Gaithersburg

Harwood House Thrift Shop

Corner of Routes 124 & 108
McKenzie Law Office
26317 Ridge Road, Damascus

For Eyes

20680 Seneca Meadows Parkway Germantown, Md.
Damascus Heritage Society Museum
9701 Main Street, Damascus MD

WesBanco

26500 Ridge Road, Damascus

The Damascus Lions have typically collected over a thousand pairs of used eyeglasses each year. This year thru early January we have collected and delivered to LCOF (Lions Community Outreach Foundation of District 22-C) 1,113 pairs of glasses and 8 hearing aids. LCOF then sends these glasses to a Lions distribution center where they are calibrated and shipped worldwide. Collect and Recycle eye glasses and Hearing Aids. Eye glasses help 153 million in need principally in third world countries. Hearing aids are made available to those in need.
Lion Del Mayhew

MARCH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The March Pancake Breakfast has been cancelled.

The Committee looks forward to our July 9 Breakfast in conjunction with Celebrate Damascus.

HISTORY, ARCHIVES, VALUABLES!

The Damascus Museum Display of Damascus Lions has been dismantled, packed up and put back into their respective containers for storage.

Over the past few years, our club's valuables have been stored at Gladhills. Thanks to Lion Tess for helping us out with a place to store as well as to work. The 75th Committee sorted thru the boxes of interesting artifacts, salvaging what they thought to be of interest and value. The Committee reduced the load down to about 8 tubs. Word got out that we were working on memorabilia and many donations came in that were of interest – things that we did not have; Yet thought of value!

Our Lion Tamers cleaned out their storage at Wesley Grove and added retired banners and bases. The Number One Tub contains 3 large notebooks with Lions Membership Applications of past Lions. It is a tub that is visited often in locating past Lions and their info. As a member becomes a past Lion, their application, which contains their service record, is stored here. Thus, A Community of Historians is in this tub!

Technology over recent years has taken its toll on hands-on information. Thus year end information from Officers and Committees is missing. I would encourage anyone with information/records that need to be kept create a way to store it in the archives.

The valuables are ready for storage. Will arrive there shortly! Anyone is welcome to look thru this info and/or use it for whatever the occasion. It was quite valuable in celebrating the 75th Anniversary!

The Officer and Committee Notebook that was put together several years ago remains with Lion Mary Frances and is available for any Lion who may seek some guidance into what a task includes. The Committee descriptions were put together by committee chairman. Keep in mind this book has not been updated for 2+ years and it is evident that technology has ruled. However, the insight these leaders have given is valuable in leading our club. Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

DAMASCUS LIONS HAS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Damascus Lions offers two different scholarships to graduating students residing in the Damascus/Clarksburg School Cluster.

The Vernon R. Simpson Scholarship emphasizes Community Service, Leadership and Character as well as the Academic Achievement. For 2022, we will award 4 \$1,500 scholarships. These scholarships are for tuition as a full time student.

The Unique Achievement Scholarship focuses on students who have actively demonstrated an attempt to overcome a unique challenge during their high school years. For 2022, we will award 3 \$1,000 scholarships. These scholarships are for books and expenses required for continuing education.

The due date for the scholarship applications is April 14.

The scholarships will be awarded at the Awards Night at the Damascus and Clarksburg High Schools as well as the Damascus Lions Youth Night.

The Criteria and Application for both scholarships can be found on the Damascus Lions web site and at the

High School Career/College Centers or from Lion Mary Frances Gosnell.

BLOOD DRIVE 2022

The Damascus Lions Club hosted a blood drive at the Damascus Grace Fellowship Seventh-day Adventist Church on Thursday January 6th and Friday January 7th, 2021. We collected only 23 units of blood for the American Red Cross on Thursday.

Due to bad weather the drive was cancelled for Friday:(

I would like to thank Lion Chris Fletcher and Lion Bob Shapp 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.

Our next American Red Cross Blood Drives are on Thursday March 3rd and Friday March 4th, 2021.

After that they are:

Thursday May 5th and Friday May 6th, 2022

Thursday July 7th and Friday July 8th, 2022

Lion Charlie Hertel

Meal Policy

The club budget cannot support the cost of unlimited meeting guests. The following policy will be implemented to preserve the club budget and better manage meal expenses.

1. Prospective/new members can attend one meeting plus their installation meeting at club expense.
2. Up to 2 people for the meeting program will be paid by the club.
3. When outside guests are invited as honorees or for recognition, the Foundation will cover the cost of their meals to the extent of approved budget amounts or as approved in advance by the Board of Directors.
4. Visitors from other clubs will be responsible for their own meal cost at our walk-in rate.
5. In all cases, the number of guests (including those presenting a program) should be reported at least 3 days prior to the meeting to the Meals Chairman or the Secretary to allow for adequate food and seating to be prepared for the meeting. Exceptions to the above must be approved at least 1 week in advance by the King Lion.

Time to Celebrate

February Birthdays:

Julie Sain	2/6 *
Bob Ippolito	2/8
Ray Sicotte	2/21
Rob Hyman	2/23
Jolly Somaiya	2/24

*Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

Karen Stevenson (Sean)	2/11
Christina Manuel (Frederick)	2/21

February Anniversaries:

Roy & Kathy Stanley	2/15 (52 yrs)
Mike & Kathy Thornett	2/17 (49 yrs)



Upcoming Events

February 1– Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove
United Methodist Church

February 9 - Board Meeting, TBD

February 15 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove
United Methodist Church

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