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The President's Message



Let's discuss Lions fundraisers for a moment. Not just our fundraisers, but the fundraisers of other Lions Clubs in our general area and the fundraisers of our District 22-C. I asked

a question of a few Lions gathered at the recent Multiple District 22 Convention: "I wonder about what percentage of Lions Clubs fundraising receipts is actually contributed by Lions of other clubs?" I'll never know the true answer and I wouldn't even hazard a guess. What I do observe, however, is a very healthy participation in our Damascus Club pancake breakfasts, golf tournaments, and Dairy Barn fundraisers by members of other clubs.

It's always gratifying to see at least four members of the Monocacy Club at our golf tournament and our pancake breakfasts every year. And, by the way, at least four Damascus Club members play in the Monocacy Club golf tournament every year; returning the favor! Staying with golf for a moment: in 2021, four Damascus Club members played in the Leisure World Club tournament for the first time. And then, a few weeks later.... Guess what! Four Leisure World Club golfers showed up at our tournament!

Let's not say that contributions to one club from another make a world of financial difference. But let us say that the presence and participation of other clubs in our fundraisers does give us a world of good feeling; a sense of comradery, knowing that we have each others' backs; knowing that we have partners all around us who wish us well and support us. And by our participation in the fundraisers of other clubs, we convey these same good vibrations to them. Let's all do our best to treat seriously the fundraising efforts of our neighboring Lions Clubs. Their struggles are our struggles. Through our connections, we lift up each other.

King Lion Wayne

APRIL EVENTS

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 LIONS CONVENTION

Damascus Lions was represented at the 99th Multiple District 22 Lions Convention held in Gettysburg by KL Wayne, Sec. Marcia and Lions Bobbie, Eloise and Mary Frances, a full contingent of eligible voters. We voted to lead our District for 2022-23 - DG Maxine Hooker, 1st VDG Chris Wooters and 3rd VDG Rodrick Harris. The convention was honored to have PID Steven Sherer from Ohio to represent LCI. PID Ted Reiver and PID Richard Liebno from Multiple District 22 were also in attendance. Over 300 Lions joined in the greeting, meeting and dining together after a two-year hiatus. Many friendships were renewed and new ones made. Business Sessions consisted of reports from the Multiple Committees that keep us on top of our agenda. Our Lions attended seminars giving us a better understanding of Lions Quest, LVRF, Leader Dog, Diabetes, LCIF, Leadership, Membership, Childhood Cancer and more. Merchandising tables

offered information on many important and interesting events and ongoing projects. Upon asking King Lion Wayne how he viewed the convention, He replied, "Having never before attended a MD22 Convention, my eyes were opened to the considerable effort expended by the various District and Multiple District Officers in the pursuit of Lionism."



The Memorial Service Honored many deceased Lions. Amongst them were Lions Ann Davis, Martin Carr from the Damascus Club and former members Lion Ken Phillips from the Lord Baltimore Club, George Bolling from the Thurmont Club and Ray Schwalm from the Taneytown Club.

Due to the untimely death of the Chairman of the Multiple 22 District Convention, District 22C's PDG Sandi Halterman brought the convention to an arousing success!

Congratulations on a job well done!

The Pre- Convention Entertainment was a visit from Abraham Lincoln. He could make a believer out of anyone!!!! Quite impressive!

The 2022-23 Convention will be held in Ocean City, MD, April 20 – 23. Lions consider attending - Great way to connect with other Lions and "steal" good ideas!!!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell



Abe Lincoln poses with Mary Frances & Eloise!

2021-2022 Visitations

The club has met all visitation requirements to qualify for the 5 Star Award and the Governor's Special Recognition Award for Visitations. Our club receives visitation credits for attendance at another club's meeting, fund raiser or social event. The club must obtain visitation credits equal to 50% of the club's membership to qualify for the 5 Star Award and credits equal to or greater than 100% of the club's membership to qualify for the Governor's Special Recognition Award. The Damascus Lions Club had fifty-seven members at the beginning of Lions Year 2021-2022. Twelve Damascus Lions visited twenty-five clubs in Districts 22-A, 22-C, 22-W, 24-E, and 35-I during the year. Lion Jenny Redifer made visitations with two Florida Lions Clubs in District 35-I. She has since transferred to the Safety Harbor Lions Club in Florida. The Blacksburg, VA Breakfast Lions Club District 24-E has an ongoing activity to sell parking spaces at VA Tech football games. The Damascus Club obtained sixty-four visitation credits which exceeded the required fifty-seven visitation credits needed for the awards. Thanks to all the Lions who took part in the visitation program for the past Lion's year.

Lion Ray Molesworth



Convention golf tournament Thursday, April 21, Carroll Valley Golf Club.



How cute is this?

It's an old milk jar!

Upcoming Events

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 100TH Year

The Multiple District 100th Celebration will be held August 12-13, 2022 at Delta Hotels Baltimore Hunt Valley, MD.

It is a jammed packed two-day celebration with the new incoming International First Vice President Lion Brian E. Sheehan from Minnesota attending. The two-day event will offer Service Projects to get involved in, Special Olympics Unified Sports event, tours to Hampton National Historic Site in Towson and a tour of Wilmer Eye Institute along with a display of many interesting artifacts. Closing of the gala two days will be dinner followed by a show - the Fabulous Hubcaps!!! Mark your calendars now, more information will be forthcoming.
Lion Mary Frances

Time to Celebrate

May Birthdays:

Warren Schwab	5/9
Frederick Manuel	5/10
Wayne Marr	5/19
John Washington	5/24
Joe Howerton	5/25
Sue Suddath	5/26
Joann Woodson	5/26
Nick Holpuch	5/27
Rahul Suthar	5/30*

*Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

Barbara Aghamalian (Vahe)	5/21
Marcia Allen (Anthony)	5/23

May Anniversaries:

Tammy & Charlie Hertel	5/2 (35 yrs)
Anthony & Marcia Allen	5/12
Julie Sain & Tom Marley	5/14 (8yrs)

Upcoming Events

May 3 – 6:45pm, Dinner meeting at Wesley Grove UMC

Thur.-Fri., May 5-6 - 10am-3:30pm, Blood Drive at Grace Fellowship Church, register to donate at redcrossblood.org or contact Lion Charlie Hertel to volunteer

May 7 – 2- 5:00 pm Shred Fest – Damascus United Methodist Church Parking Lot – for more information contact Lion Joe Howerton joehowertonsales@gmail.com

May 11– 7:00 pm Board meeting at Gladhill's

May 17 - 6:30pm, Lions Youth Night – Damascus Recreation Center – for more information contact Lion Mike Thornett kmthorn9@verizon.net or Lion Barbara Barry barrybar24@gmail.com

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As your editor, I would like to say a few words in remembrance of Lion Marcia Holpuch. Lion Marcia was an integral part of the Damascus Lions Club. As King Lion wrote "she was generous with her time, energy, and insightful advice and guidance." Her untimely passing leaves our club with big shoes to fill, but I'm sure as a club we will prevail in her honor.

