

# **LION'S TALE**

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*This Lions Tale is dedicated to our Beloved Lion Marcia Holpuch*

## **Obituary: Marcia K. (Parks) Holpuch April 7, 1959 – April 29, 2022 (age 63)**



Marcia Kaye Holpuch, age 63, of Laytonsville, Maryland, passed away peacefully of natural causes at her home on Friday, April 29, 2022.

Marcia was born on April 7, 1959, in Geneva, Illinois, the daughter of Harold and Verla Parks. Marcia grew up in Geneva, Illinois, where she was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Geneva and graduated from Geneva Community High School in 1977. In the 1990's, Marcia and her family moved to Laytonsville, Maryland where she continued to touch many lives through her love of music, biking, and passion to help others plus volunteering in many community organizations: the Damascus Lion's Club, Damascus High School Band Boosters, Boy Scout Troop 207, and the Browningsville Cornet Band. Marcia was employed at the Howard Community College in the IT department.

Marcia was preceded in death by her father, Harold Eugene Parks of Goreville, Illinois. She is survived by her mother Verla M. (Sellars) Parks of Geneva, Illinois; her sisters: Marla (Jim) Shell of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois; Marlene Parks of Dekalb, Illinois; and Scherry Dattilo of Crescent City, Illinois; her husband Charlie Holpuch of Damascus, Maryland; her two sons, John (Katie) of Laurel, Maryland and Nicholas (Becky Mitchell) of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, United Kingdom; her nieces and nephew Tiffany Kohl, Amy, Madison, and Marissa Burr, Emily and Casey Shell; her two granddaughters, Imogen and Charley Holpuch; along with dozens of cousins, aunts and uncles.

To honor Marcia, and in lieu of flowers, please send any donations to the Damascus Lion's Club Foundation: for credit to Camp Merrick and the 22C Honor Band, at P.O. Box 267, Damascus, Maryland 20872. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [molesworthwilliams.com](http://molesworthwilliams.com).

## **President's Message**

This June, 2022 issue of our Lions Tale is dedicated to Lion Marcia Holpuch. She was our fellow club member, our friend, our club secretary, and an all-around great human being. Using notes from Lion Mary Frances's tribute to Marcia at her remembrance ceremony, the next few paragraphs attempt to detail Marcia's many contributions to her fellow man. This is one impressive, awesome list. Thank you, Lion Bob Newlin, for sponsoring Marcia into our club (June, 1999). The various Damascus Lions Club committees Marcia chaired or served on were: Publicity, Hospital Equipment, Finance, 22-C Night, Celebrate Damascus, Webmaster, Community Fair, Camp Merrick representative (15

years), In-House Auction (15 years as chairperson), NBC 4 Health, Programs, Blood Drive, and Membership. She also contributed to Clean up Damascus and the Skate Park. She was a part of nearly every club fundraising project, club activity, and club service project. Her various club board positions included: Club Treasurer, Director, President (2 terms), and Secretary. In 2010, she was recognized as Lion of the Years. The following year, she was Lion of the Year; and in 2015, she received the Hyatt Award.

Marcia was just as active at the Lions District 22-C level as she was at the club level. She was the 22-C Visitation Chair, Youth Outreach/Student Exchange chair, Honor Band administrator (2014-2022), Lions Camp Merrick Secretary (2014-2022), and once was the Region 1 - Zone 1 Chair. Marcia was also well known at the Multiple District 22 level, serving as a club delegate to the MD-22 Convention from 2014 through 2022. For the upcoming MD-22 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Marcia was serving on the Special Olympics Unified Sports Day Committee.

Marcia attended the Lions Club International (LCI) Convention in 2022. For the future 2027 LCI Convention to be held in Washington DC, she was serving as Host Committee Secretary from 2021 to the present. Marcia was honored as a Melvin Jones Fellow in 2012.

While pursuing all these Lions activities, Marcia also held down a full-time job! Also, she worked extensively as a volunteer with the Browningsville Cornet Band and the Boy Scouts of America. She planned her high school class reunions (every 5 years) and her own annual family reunions (over 100 attendees).

What a fully-actualized individual was Marica Holpuch! She will be so missed by all who knew her. Our club will never be the same without her.

King Lion Wayne

## Lion Marcia at the Multiple District 22C Convention



## LION EVENTS

### White Cane Days

Damascus Lions: Congratulations! At Safeway East and West during the three days of April 27-29, 2022 (27 shifts), we received \$2,173.82, for a shift average of \$80.51 (an all-time high). Absolutely every shift was important to our total. We had twenty-three dedicated Damascus Lions performing storefront collections. Then, on Saturday, May 7, at our Damascus Shred Fest, we collected an additional \$863.33! After adding Lions donations of \$38.00, our grand total was \$3,075.15! Thank you, Storefront Lions, Lions donators, and thank you, Shredfest!

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 and as money counters: Del Mayhew and Tom Jackson. Thanks go also to Lion Bobbie Marr, who helped with the money counting.

#### Special Recognitions:

Six Over-\$100-in-One-Shift Awards go to: Ken Mackay, Bob Ippolito, Barbara Barry, Bob Newlin, Julie Sain, and Ray Molesworth. The Bert Lahr Lion Courage Award goes to Chris Fletcher who, with great gallantry, bravery, and pluck, collected \$863.33 at our Shredfest.

#### Storefront Lions:

Here is the list of Damascus Lions who gave of their valuable time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses): B. Barry, Fletcher(2!), Gosnell(2!), C. Hertel(2!), T. Hertel, Howerton, Ippolito, Jackson(2!), Mackay, W. Marr, Mayhew(2!), Molesworth, Newlin, Peters, Sain, W. Schwab, Snapp, C. Stone, Ch. Stone, Thornett, Washington, and Woodfield. Thank you, one and all storefront Lions!

Lion Wayne Marr

## MAY EVENTS

### BLOOD DRIVE –May 5 & 6

The Damascus Lions Club hosted its last blood drive for year 2021-2022 at the Damascus Grace Fellowship Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Thursday May 5th and Friday May

6th, 2022. We collected 55 units of blood for the American Red Cross. This brings our total units for 2021-2022 = 354.

I would like to thank Lion Chris Fletcher, Lion Sue Suddath for helping work the blood drive and Lion Bob Snapp for helping set up the hall. We put up the banner and advertised for the Shred fest helped donors sign up for future drives, worked the canteen and spoke to our donors about Lionism. Our next American Red Cross Blood Drives for 2022-2023 year are on Thursday July 7th and Friday July 8th, 2022.

\*After that they are possibly Thursday September 7th and Friday September 8th, 2022 Not Confirmed yet!!

Lion Charlie Hertel

### Shred Fest – May 7

On Saturday May 7th the Lions Club and WesBanco held our 5th annual Damascus Shred Fest at Damascus United Methodist Church. Ten Lions and one partner in service braved the less-than-ideal weather conditions helping transport boxes to the truck, directing vehicle traffic, breaking down boxes for recycling and soliciting donations. Despite the rain and time change from prior years we served a total of 96 cars and collected \$863 toward our White Cane Days fundraiser. A special thanks to WesBanco for covering the significant cost of the shred service in full and to Damascus UMC for allowing use of their parking lot. The event wouldn't be possible without our generous partners. The 2nd Clarksburg Shredfest will be held in the fall on a date TBD.

Lion Joe Howerton

### Road Cleanup- May 14

On Saturday May 14, seven members of the Damascus Lions Club performed a road cleanup of our adopted road Valley Park Drive. We collected 5 large bags of garbage. The only interesting thing we found this time was a hub cap! See Lion John if you are missing one! I want to thank the following Lions; Bob Ippolito, Chris Fletcher, Del Mayhew, Ray Molesworth, John Washington, and Barbara Barry.

Lion Tony Barry



## 2022 SCHOLARSHIPS



The Vernon R. Simpson Scholarships were presented to the recipients at the Damascus High School and Clarksburg High School Awards Ceremony. The scholarships are for \$1,500 each.

They were presented to –

**Bryce Curry – DHS** – who plans to attend Frostburg State University majoring in International Studies

**Indra Pagga – DHS** - who plans to attend University of Maryland majoring in Computer Science

**Megan Reese – DHS** - who plans to attend Virginia Tech majoring in Journalism

**Ashley Offei – CHS** - who plans to attend Penn State University majoring in Biology

At Youth Night, the Scholarship Committee (minus one member) announced that going forward the Unique Achievement Scholarship would be titled –

### **The Michael J. Thornett Unique Achievement Scholarship.**

This scholarship is for a graduating student living in the Damascus School Cluster who is attending a 2 year or vocational school and who have attempted to overcome a unique challenge presented to them over the past 4 years to get where they are today. This is a \$1,000 scholarship.

This year we had one applicant, the scholarship was awarded to **Laila Swann, CHS.**

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell



## Youth Night – May 17

Oh What a Night! On Tuesday May 17 the Damascus Lions Club had their first Youth Night since 2019. It was held at the Damascus Recreation Center. The event was very well attended by students and staff from our local schools, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Leos, and of course, Lions. The food was outstanding. I want to thank Wesley Grove United Methodist Church for preparing and serving the wonderful meal. It was not an easy task as the Rec Center barely has a kitchen! I also want to thank the 3 members of the Damascus High School orchestra who played the beautiful music for us.



Cub scout pack 438 did an awesome job of the Presenting the Colors and Pledge to the Flag.



After enjoying our delicious dinner, members from the many local schools, scouts, 4-H and Leos all took turns speaking about their accomplishments for the past year and how the Lions donation helps them in their many endeavors.

A BIG Thank You goes out to Brenda Podansky for her beautiful floral center pieces. She also provided us with balloons, a banner and yellow tablecloths. The room looked magnificent. I want to thank all the Lions who showed up early and stayed late to help set up and/or clean up after this event. BUT the BIGGEST THANK YOU goes to our Youth Night Chairman Lion Mike Thornett. President Wayne and I and the Club wish to thank you for all your hard work in making this event a huge success. Lion Barbara Barry



Lion Tess presenting to 4-H



Clarksburg Leo



Girl Scouts



Clarksburg High School Post Prom



## Memorial Day Wreath Laying

On Monday, May 30, Lions Sue Suddath, Mary Frances Gosnell, Tess Gladhill, Chris Fletcher, Eloise Woodfield, KL Wayne Marr, Bobbie Marr and Ray Molesworth attended the Damascus American Legion's Memorial Day Wreath Laying Service.



## More pictures from Youth Night



Lion Mike presenting to the elementary & middle Schools



## Time to Celebrate

### June Birthdays:

Charlie Hertel	6/16*
Jenn Hyde	6/17
Vahe Aghamalian	6/26
Eloise Woodfield	6/28

\*Significant Birthday

### Partners in Service

Bonnie Mayhew (Del)	6/19
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### June Anniversaries:

Bob & Colleen Newlin	6/16 (4 yrs)
Ken Mackay & Amy Young	6/18 (in 2023!)
Kim & Graham Moore	6/29 (15 yrs)

## Upcoming Events

**June 7** – Damascus Lions Picnic, at Wesley Grove  
6:45pm.

**June 15-** Board Meeting / Gladhill Bros

**June 21 – Damascus Lions Installation Night**  
at Montgomery Country Club, Laytonsville MD  
for more information contact Lion Bob Snapp at  
301-788-6701

## MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our Multiple District 22 will be 100 years old this year. A celebration is planned for August 12 – 13 at the Delta Hotels, Baltimore Hunt Valley. Stay tuned for more info for a day trip or an overnight stay. Check the June issue of The Voice for more info.

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