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The President's Message



I look forward to celebrating our continued service to the Damascus community at our 76th annual Charter Night! We have much to celebrate including two new members and our continued return to normal life and

community activities. September saw the Damascus Fair with popcorn popping and ice cream churning as well as a successful pancake breakfast, our first since the start of the pandemic. A special thanks to Lion Mary Frances Gosnell who never ceases to amaze me with her energy and project management skills and to Wesley Grove UMC that provided the new location for the event. I have heard from multiple attendees that were impressed with the food and hard work of our volunteers. Let's keep the momentum going into October with a great turnout of players and volunteers for our Golf Tournament on October 17th, for White Cane Days beginning October 26th and ending with our 2nd annual Fall Shredfest event in Clarksburg on the 29th. Finally, some Lions will be helping with Lions Camp Merrick on the 29th, if you would like to assist with the camp please contact Lion Bob Ippolito, it will be a beautiful time to visit!

KL Joe Howerton

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

ICE CREAM CHURNING – Sept 9

This was the first time the Damascus Community Fair held their ice cream churning contest in 2 years. I bought the hand crank churn almost 2 years ago and we never gave it a test drive. Lion Tony wanted to make simple chocolate ice cream,

so we did! EVERYONE agreed it was the BEST, yet we still won 2nd place. The new red ribbon completes all of our other ice cream churning ribbons so I guess 2nd place was meant to be!

It is always a fun event, even though we were not allowed to let the spectators taste our flavors. We'll need a new flavor idea for next year!

Lion Barbara Barry



Visitation Requirements

To qualify for District 22C 5 Star Award, the Damascus Lions Club needs to maintain an active visitation program with other Lions Clubs. All Damascus Lions should plan to make at least one visitation during the Lions year from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. I have meeting and contact information for all Lions Clubs in District 22W that covers Frederick, Carroll, and all other Western Maryland Counties. Consult your District 22C roster book or contact me for information concerning a visitation in District 22C. For information regarding a visitation with any club in Multiple District 22 contact me at jrmolesworth03@gmail.com.

Visitations include club meetings, social events, and fund raisers. Attending another club's fund-raising event is an excellent way to obtain new fund-raising ideas for the Damascus Lions Club. Lions' clubs in District 22C and 22W are scheduling fund-raising events for 2022-2023. Virtual visitations are acceptable for visitation credit with another club. Please be aware of Lions Club fund raising functions in areas where you may be

vacationing this year. Stop by the function to observe and participate in the fund raiser. Let me know via an email to jrmolesworth03@gmail.com if you make a visitation. No paperwork is involved. Just confirm the name of the club visited, date of the visit and the name of the visiting Lion or Lions.

Lion Ray Molesworth



Community Fair Grandparents Program



Lion Tess and myself at the Damascus community fair grandparents program. We were the John Deere family. Tess was John and I was Jane! Our theme was "Damascus down on the farm". We played games and had a lot of grandparents that attended. We enjoyed the time together having fun.

Lion Eloise Woodfield

POPCORN AT THE DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR

Damascus Lions Booth at the Damascus Community Fair sure was a popular stop off site on Friday and Saturday. We closed the booth on Sunday due to the rain!

There were 12 Lions who participated in the popping event. And we had some extra welcomed help. Joan Paseur, an incoming new member, Colleen Newlin and Fran Peters, both Lion spouses worked untiringly. Joan and Fran, working upwards to 17 hours over the weekend. A word of appreciation to them would be encouraging!

We graced 1525 fair goers with bags of popcorn running the popper thru 129 poppings. Seemed like an unending job as

those 1525 bags had to be closed and a seal applied. We were inspected Saturday morning by the Montgomery County Health Inspector. Worked Friday without a permit!!! Inspector had one comment, "the water in the hand washing station needed to be warm!" I told her that it would get warm as the day progressed. Must have said the right thing – she handed over the permit!

We had a little excitement Friday afternoon – the popper stopped working!! Thinking it was an electrical problem with too many booths pulling off the same circuit, we waited to see if it would come back on. It didn't! The popper was purchased in 2011. So, we called in the "Aircraft Mechanics", Lion Jack and his aviator friend. Lion Jack surveyed the situation and I truly think he must have said a prayer. (Saw him clasp his hands together). Lion Jack turned the popper on and "pop" it decided to work!!! And continued throughout Friday evening. Saturday morning it died two more times. Both times, I talked to it and after a bit, it came on and worked until 7:30 pm. Over the 11 years of service, I venture to say it has popped 25,000 bags of popcorn!!!!

The fair is experiencing some Covid issues as well as growing pains. Tough planning for the Fair Directors. Nevertheless, Damascus Community Fair is a great asset to our youth of our community as well as all participants and attendees. The exhibits were phenomenal. Good and entertaining activities for all. One of best secrets of Damascus!
Lion Mary Frances Gosnell



September Pancake Breakfast

I find it hard to describe our Pancake Breakfast! Perhaps Yummy, Great food, Heaps of Gratitude for Many Who Welcomed Our Event's Come Back!

We were supported by the community with a contingent of the Community Fair, the Fire Department and Wesley Grove members, our friends and our family. There was a good representation from other Lions Clubs as well. District Governor Maxine attended - members from Leisure World, Laytonsville, Sandy Spring, Montgomery Central Derwood, Olney and maybe others also attended. This is a reminder that we need to support other clubs by attending their activities and fund raising.



When the Lair of Lions is called to act, don't under estimate the response! We had 21 Lions, 3 Partners-In-Service, 1 new incoming Lion and 2 Leos work many hours, Friday and Saturday, preparing and serving the breakfast to approximately 150 diners. Being in a new location didn't deter us from making it happen - we put into action our plan and made it work!

We were grateful for Wesley Grove member, Jimmie Johnson, for helping us on Saturday. A Blessing Indeed!

The Bake Table had a array of baked goods - We asked for donations rather than pricing our wares due to a Health issue that we could not sell items not made on premises. Ironically, the table did a whopping intake of \$375. Partner-Of-Service Bonnie Mayhew said that folks were giving more than what we would have priced the items for.

We hope Wayne and Bobbie Marr will continue to improve and that Chris Fletcher will continue to test negative. We missed these Lions as well as a few others that were unable to be with us. We are still working on income and expenses but a glimpse says we will be looking at a profit of \$2,200 and counting! Thank You Lions for all your time, hard work and energy! We did it!

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell



Time to Celebrate

October Birthdays:

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| Barbara Barry | 10/4 |
| Ray Molesworth | 10/8 |
| Kim Moore | 10/12 |
| Chris Fletcher | 10/26 |
| Charlie Stone | 10/30 |

Partners in Service

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| Angie Howerton (Joe) | 10/5 |
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October Anniversaries:

None



DID YOU KNOW?

Mary Belcher, past president of Damascus Lions and Past First Lady to PDG Jim Belcher, collects eye glasses and hearing aids at her Senior Development and her Church. She donates them to the Damascus Lions for reuse in Third World Countries. Thank you Mary for being a forever Lion!

Upcoming Events

October 4—Charter Night, Dutch's Daughter, Frederick, 6:00pm

October 9 – Road Clean up- for more information contact Lion Tony Barry daniel8barry@gmail.com, 9am

October 12 - Board Meeting, Gladhill Brothers, 7 pm

October 17- Lions Golf Tournament, Shotgun Start – 9:00 a.m. Glade Valley Golf Club, 10502 Glade Road, Walkersville MD 21793 for more information contact Lion Charlie Hertel @ chtelco@aol.com

October 18 – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm

October 26- 28 – White Cane, Safeway Damascus

October 29 – Shredfest, Cedarbrook Church

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