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The President's Message



Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the holiday season and we can all be thankful for our camaraderie and for opportunities to serve our wonderful

community. Lion Tony Barry has again led a group of Lions to decorate our main street. Efforts like holiday decorations and our road cleanup program have a positive impact on community pride, improve the environment and provide critical public exposure for our club.

This month we continue our tradition of helping families in need with the Holiday Giving project helping 35 Damascus families. This project would not be possible without help from area schools and the NRC that collect food, Tradesman Motorcycle Club that collects the toys and Gladhill Tractor that provides space for sorting and preparing gift baskets. Please reach out to Lion Mary Frances to offer your time for this very important effort. Other holiday activities include the Senior Holiday Party at the Damascus Senior Center, Cookies with Santa at Gladhills and our Holiday Party 12/20, please consider bringing a gift for the gift exchange (suggested value \$12). PDG Brian Cox will be at our dinner meeting 12/6 to discuss the Lions Youth Foundation. I hope to see you all this month!

KL Joe Howerton

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Blood Drive - November 4

The Damascus Lions Club hosted its third blood drive for year 2022-2023 at the Damascus Grace Fellowship Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Friday November 4th, 2022.

We collected 37 units of blood for the American Red Cross. The American Red Cross is now having us host a one day drive with our Lions Club now since the COVID 19 restrictions have changed with social distancing. I would like to thank Lion Chris Fletcher, Lion Sue Suddath, Lion Wayne Marr, Lion Bob Snapp and King Lion Joe Howerton for all of their continued support of the Damascus Lions Blood Drives and for helping set up and work the blood drive.

We put up a banner outside to let donors know that the Damascus Lions Club is hosting the blood drive at Damascus Grace Fellowship Seventh-Day Adventist Church. We put up additional signage inside as well. We helped donors recover in the canteen and sign them up for our next drive and speak to our donors about Lionism and some of our upcoming events to see if they would like to get involved with serving the Damascus community through the Damascus Lions Club.

Our next American Red Cross Blood Drive for 2022-2023 year are on Friday January 6th, 2023.

Following that drive will be Friday March 3rd, 2023.
Lion Charlie Hertel

Lions Celebrate Halloween



Bingo and a Visitation- Nov 19

Lions Barbara Barry, Chris Fletcher, Eloise Woodfield, Carol Stone and Mary Frances Gosnell visited the Taylorsville-Winfield Lions club Bingo. The Taylorsville-Winfield Lions did a great job of hosting the bingo and making a delicious dinner. It was a fun night even though there were no Damascus Lions winners 😊



Lion Vahe and friend Juliana showed up to road cleanup with yummy donuts! Thanks!

Road Cleanup – Nov 19

On Saturday November 19 eight Lions and 1 friend of the Lions performed a road cleanup of our adopted road, Valley Park Drive. Lion Carol found a pair of men's shoes size 10 ½ and Barbara found a basket ball! If you are missing any of those, contact us! There was a lot of trash this time and we collected 6 large garbage bags. I want to thank the following: Lion Carol Stone, Lion Ray Molesworth, KL Joe Howerton, Lion Vahe Aghamalian, Lion Bob Ippolito, Lion Del Mayhew, and Lion Barbara & friend of Lion Juliana Almeida.
Lion Tony Barry



Holiday Wreaths – Nov 25

Lions Light Up Damascus on Black Friday

On Friday Nov 25, the Lions Club of Damascus continued a 30+ year tradition by hanging the Christmas wreaths on the lamp posts throughout Damascus. I was pleased to see so many Lions and friends and family participate in this festive event. We gathered at the Damascus McDonalds at 9am on Friday morning and after a brief “how to” clinic given by Lion Tony Barry, they split up into teams and began hanging the wreaths. As always, the task took us about a 2 hours including distributing the wreaths and hanging them. I want to thank Lions Del Mayhew, Wayne Marr, Ray Molesworth, Barbara Barry, Bob Ippolito, Carol Stone, Charlie Stone and Chris Fletcher. The friends of the Lions who helped were Nick Doan, Victoria McCarthy-Barry, husband Joe McCarthy, John Barry, Elizabeth Barry. Lion Tony Barry



A Holiday Giving Letter from Lion Bob Snapp

Dear Fellow Lions,

Once again, the Damascus Lions have decided to assist approximately 35 families that include 89 children and 70 adults in the Damascus area. This year, as last year, many people are still facing the lingering effects of the pandemic and on-going inflation. You have helped us in previous years with your generous contribution toward this worthy undertaking. Your donation this year will help ensure that our less fortunate neighbors will have something to celebrate this season. Also knowing you have helped someone in need will bring happiness to your own holiday.

Checks can be made to Damascus Lions. Please reference on the check Holiday Giving Fund.

Thanks for caring and giving.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Bob Snapp...Holiday Giving Fund Committee



HONORING OUR PEACE POSTER WINNERS



First Place winner Kian Sarvestani and 3rd place winner Sofia Bringas.

The Tradesmen Motorcycle Jingle Bell Toy Run.

King Lion Joe, Lion Chris and Lion Mary Frances attended the Tradesman Motorcycle Jingle Bell Run on Saturday November 5 at Vanessa's Corner Pub in Westminster.



Tradesmen Motorcycle Members, Lions Chris and Mary Frances



Lions Chris and Mary Frances and lots of Toys

Holiday Basket Timeline

HOLIDAY BASKET TIMELINE 2022		
Holiday Giving Project will take place at Gladhill Brothers, Route 27		
Tuesday, December 6, 2022		Albert's Jar gets passed around for Lions to share their bounty!
Wednesday, December 7, 2022		Shopping for Children's Clothing
Friday, December 10, 2022		Team Assignments sent out with instructions to contact families
Wednesday, December 14, 2022		Canned Foods picked up from School Food Drives, Lion Ray Molesworth
Wednesday, December 14, 2022	6:30	Sort canned foods at Gladhills
Thursday, December 15, 2022	Noon - 5 pm	Teams Pack boxes, Pack clothes and toys
Friday, December 16, 2022	Noon - 5 pm	Teams Pack boxes, Do final packing
		Excess food delivered to HELP Closet
Saturday, December 17, 2022	8:00 AM	Coffee Time
	8:30 am - 10:30 am	Deliver food and gifts to 35 families
		Clean-up
		Merry Christmas!
The Season is upon us and we are gearing up to make our Famous Deliveries!		
A few bits of info - Santa will travel with two different teams, TBD!		
And It is best that we do not arrive at a home before 9 am.		
Thanks to all Lions, their families and friends for assisting in making our Holiday Giving Project one to remember. We venture to say that this project is the oldest project of our club's 76 years! Our forefathers started this with used clothes and home grown vegetables		
Merry Christmas all as you have helped make a brighter Holiday Season for 35 families!		

Time to Celebrate

December Birthdays:

Bob Breiner	12/5
Tony Barry	12/17*
Del Mayhew	12/29

*Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

Tom Marley (Julie Sain)	12/12
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December Anniversaries:

None

Upcoming Events

December 1 – Senior Birthday Party, Damascus Senior Center

December 3 - 10am-1pm, Cookies with Santa @ Gladhill's

December 6 – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm

December 13 (Tues)– Board Meeting, Gladhill Brothers, 7 pm

December 14- 17 – Holiday Baskets, Gladhill Brothers

December 20 – Holiday Party, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm



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Pictures from the Senior Holiday Party December 1

