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The President's Message



Fellow Lions,

With the holidays now behind us, the dead of winter tends to keep us all hunkering down. It can be a time of loneliness and

seasonal depression so try to get out in the sun, make plans with your friends and family often and of course attend club meetings! As with everything else, club activities are in a bit of a lull but we will be honored to host Dr. Louise Worthington, Principal of Baker Middle School for a presentation at our dinner meeting on Tuesday February 7th so let's have a great turnout. Also, a reminder to all board members that our meeting will be in the dinner hall at Damascus UMC on February 15th at 7PM.

Unlike February, March will be chock full of activities including a blood drive, road clean-up, pancake breakfast, an in-house auction and a special comedy night at the new Give a Hoot Comedy Club benefitting Damascus Lions! Be on the lookout for more information on these great activities. As always, there is an online calendar available in a link located within all Damascus Lions emails. I look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks!

KL Joe Howerton

JANUARY EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE 2022- January 6

The Damascus Lions Club hosted its fourth blood drive for the year 2022-2023 at the Damascus Grace Fellowship Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Friday January 6th. We collected 31 units of blood for the American Red Cross. This was our first time for a one day drive since we started back up doing blood drives after COVID. I would like to thank Pat, the Administrative Secretary for the Damascus Grace Fellowship Seventh-Day Adventist Church, for her support of the Damascus Lions Club Blood program. I would like to thank Lion David Hull and the staff of the American Red Cross for their continued efforts making our blood drives organized and efficient. I would like to thank Lion Chris Fletcher and Lion Sue Suddath for working the canteen all day. I would like to thank the morning setup crew, Lion Bob Snapp and Lion Rob Hyman, DHS Leo advisor. I would also like to thank the end of the day cleanup crew, Lion Wayne Marr, Lion Ray Molesworth and Lion Robert Hyman. They put the church back to its original setup. A few hours into the blood drive the heat stopped working so Lion David Hull (he is the American Red Cross blood coordinator as well) went home and returned with some space heaters. Me and Lion Chris Fletcher also left the drive and came back with space heaters as well. We were able to keep the donor room above the required 60 degrees. AWESOME!!!

Thank you to all who support the Damascus Lions Club Blood Drives.

Our next American Red Cross Blood Drive for 2022-2023 year are on Friday March 3rd, 2023. No drives are scheduled after March yet.

A personal note here, you may know Tammy and I have been Lions for 25 years now. I joined Lions because I donated blood at a blood drive coordinated by Lion George Smith! Then my first blood drive as a co-coordinator with Lion George Smith was on January 19th, 1998! And we collected 154 units of blood.

Lion Charlie Hertel

UNWREATHING A MILITARY CEMETARY- January 14

Four of us Lions from the Damascus Club joined with about eight other volunteers on Saturday morning, January 14, to remove wreaths placed at about 1,500 military headstones at the Loudon Park Military Cemetery in west Baltimore. The wreaths were placed there a few weeks prior by the Wreaths Across America project. It was our job to scoop them up on rake/broom/shovel handles and walk/drag them to a truck about 300 yards away. It was hard work and it

was cold and windy. But after the 90-minute job was completed, we all had a good feeling about our accomplishment and we all said we would return again for a third year. Lion participants were Lions Tony and Barbara Barry, Chris Fletcher, and me. Check out the pics and please consider joining us next year.

Lion Wayne Marr

(See more pictures on page 4)



ROAD CLEANUP- January 21

On Saturday January 21 2023, 9 members of the Damascus Lions Club and three friends of the Lions performed a road cleanup of our adopted road, Valley Park Drive. We collected 6 large bags of trash. Nothing out of the ordinary was found. But good news, the county finally fixed/replaced our Adopt a Road sign on the route 124 side of Valley Park Drive.

I want to thank the following people for participating:



Lion Carol Stone, Lion Charlie Stone, Lion Ray Molesworth, King Lion Joe Howerton, Lion Vahe Aghamalian, Lion Bob Ippolito, Lion Del Mayhew, Leos Anna Allison & Olivia Craca and friend of Lions Juliana Almeida. Lion Barbara Barry was busy walking her grand dog "Bowser"! Lion Tony Barry



Lions thank those who helped with our Holiday Giving Program



The Tradesmen Motorcycle Club receiving Recognition from Mary Frances



Lion Tess and Morris Gladhill receiving recognition from Mary Frances

Upcoming Events:

SPRING PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for March 18, 2023 for the Lions Pancake Breakfast! It will be held at the Damascus United Methodist Church serving our smorgasbord of breakfast foods from 7 am to 11 am. Lion Warren Schwab has tickets for presale as well as flyers. With the price of foods today, this will be a challenge to be successful. A good reason to get those tickets; sell them or purchase them for your family and friends. And get a flyer to promote our breakfast. Thank you for your support.
Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 CONVENTION

The 100th Lions Convention of Multiple District 22 will be held April 20-23, 2023 in Ocean City, Maryland. The theme this year is "Together We Can"!

Past International Director Bruce Beck is the International Guest this year. The Pre Convention entertainment on the 20th will be The Fabulous Hubcaps! \$10 for attendees!

The Golf Tournament will be on the 20th at the Ocean Resorts Golf Course and the Miniature Golf will return. There will also be valuable and interesting Seminars during the convention as well as displays and tables presenting their wares and information throughout the week. Lots to learn about and get good ideas! The Convention will be held at the Princess Royale Ocean Front Hotel. Our club can have 4 Delegates. Lion Mary Frances encourages our Lions to consider attending. It is an informative time while making new friends, seeing old friends and getting new ideas. Our Delegates need to be reported by March 1. Registrations need to be sent in together along with any payment that may be due for meals etc. to ensure that our members sit together at the Banquet. The Convention Packet was sent out by Secretary Barbara on December 31.
Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

VERNON R. SIMPSON SCHOLARSHIP

MICHAEL J. THORNETT UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship information has been sent to Damascus and Clarksburg High School Career Centers and to the Leo Advisors. It is also on the Damascus Lions Web site. The scholarships are available to all Seniors residing in the Damascus/Clarksburg High School Cluster Area. The applicant does not need to attend one of the Senior High Schools. The Simpson Scholarship will offer four (4) \$1,500 scholarships. The Thornett Scholarship will offer three (3) \$1,500 scholarships. The deadline for submission of applications is April 14. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the High School Awards Night and at the Lions Youth Recognition Night.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The 2023-2024 Nominating Committee

The committee intends to submit a slate of nominees for the various club offices at our regular dinner meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. This meeting will be our "Nominating Meeting". At this meeting, nominations may also be made from the floor. The meeting in which we will vote to elect all nominees will be our meeting of Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

Lion Wayne Marr

Amazonsmile

According to Amazon: "In 2012, we launched AmazonSmile to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. However, after almost a decade, the program has not grown to create the impact that we had originally hoped. With so many eligible organizations—more than 1 million globally—our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin. We are writing to let you know that we plan to wind down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023. .. To help charities that have been a part of the AmazonSmile program with this transition, we will be providing them with a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what they earned in 2022 through the program, and they will also be able to accrue additional donations until the program officially closes in February." Damascus Lions Foundation, Inc. has received an average of \$150 a year from AmazonSmile. Thanks to all of you who have supported our Foundation through AmazonSmile.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

The Skate Park is Back!

Next time you are visiting the Damascus Recreation Center to work out or get in a game of pickleball, venture out back to the basketball courts. The county replaced the skate park equipment with amazing state of the art skate park ramps, half-pipes, handrails, and other apparatus necessary for an awesome skate park.

Lion Barbara Barry

Pictures from Unwreathing



A tree growing out of a headstone. Lion Chris removing wreaths.
Lion Tony filling the truck with wreaths.



Time to Celebrate

February Birthdays:

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

*Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

Amy Young (Ken Mackay)	2/8
Karen Stevenson (Sean)	2/11
Christina Manuel (Frederick)	2/21

February Anniversaries:

Roy & Kathy Stanley	2/15 (53 yrs)
Mike & Kathy Thornett	2/17 (50 yrs!)



Upcoming Events

February 7– Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove
United Methodist Church

February 15 – DUMC Dining Room

February 21 – Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove
United Methodist Church

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