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The President's Message



I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. It was great seeing so many Lions, family and friends at our holiday party. Our annual Holiday Basket Giving

Project was a great success with Lion Mary Frances leading the way. We had an amazing turnout of volunteers and once again a special thanks to the Tradesman Motorcycle Club, NRC, local schools and Gladhill Tractor for making it possible. Food collections were down a bit this year so please consider bringing non-perishable food items to our meetings or to Damascus Help drop off locations around town.

As we turn the page on 2022 let's take a moment to remember and honor all the fellow Lions, family and friends that we have sadly lost along the way, reflect on how we can improve individually and as a club and look forward to our continued contributions in the community, camaraderie and growth going forward. While we had our share of challenges over the past year we met them enthusiastically. I appreciate you all and look forward to a great 2023!

KL Joe Howerton

DECEMBER EVENTS

HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT NUMBERS

SANTA'S LOADED SLEIGHS

Thirty- four (one had moved) families in the Damascus Area were visited by Santa's elves delivering Food, Clothing, Toys, Towels, Toothbrushes and Paste, Homemade Cookie and Cake Package, Apples and Gift Cards on Saturday morning, December 17 after the Teams assembled at Gladhill Tractor for coffee and buns!

Damascus Lions rallied to gather Food Drive items from schools, sort the foods, shop for clothing, pack the boxes for delivery and then delivery to the families. There were family members and friends along with the Tradesmen Motorcycle Club Members and the schools who assisted with the project as well.

It takes a community to make the project happen.

The Tradesmen Members donated Toys, Games and Cash from their Toy Run enough for 2 or more to each of the 69 children. Damascus Dental donated toothbrushes for every family member. Butlers Orchard donated apples for each family as well. The three Leo Clubs and Baker Middle School held Food Drives for the project. NRC Retirees made their annual monetary donation. We are in the process of collecting donations from area businesses and friends. Lions have graciously supported Albert's Jar with cash donations. A BIG "Thank You" to Lion Tess and her employees at Gladhill Tractor for their assistance in supplying the space and equipment to organize and deliver the project and the assistance in moving the incoming and outgoing items to fruition.

So, what else was in the packages that the 10 teams delivered to the families? The Club, thru the Holiday Giving Fund, purchased an outfit for each of the 69 children, a \$50 Kohl's Gift Card for the 28 teenagers, two bath towels for each

of the 34 families, 34 tubes of toothpaste, 2 loaves of bread and a box of candy canes for each family. The teams handed each family \$100 to \$150 Safeway Gift Cards, depending on the size of the family.

We documented that the project had 28 Lions involved with 20 plus family and friends assisting as well as many more behind the scenes! Also, that we spent a good 350 hours with more to be added to the project. We served 160 people. The cost was \$7500. The Donations are yet to be collected and calculated. It is estimated that the project had a value of \$15,000 or more!

This is one of the DLC Foundation projects that involved most of our membership in one facet or another; Perhaps it was monetary donations and/or service time! It is a project of 76 years of service to our Damascus Community, one that has the most impact upon Lions giving of their time, energies and resources to serve! Yes, to served 160 blessed community residents! Thank you one and all!

Mary Frances Gosnell

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Senior Party

On December 1, Chris Fletcher, Eloise Woodfield, George Hibbard, Wayne Marr and Sue Suddath met at the library for the December birthday party. Thirty-eight seniors enjoyed the activities, singing Christmas Carols, playing games and eating ice cream and cake which made for a good time for all. Our wonderful

Lions working together made for a great success. What a start to the Christmas Season!

Lion Sue Suddath.



Visitations

Visitations are still needed for the club to qualify for the Five Star, District Governors Special Recognition Award. Attendance at another club's fund raiser is an excellent way to get a visitation credit. I have meeting times and places for all District 22W Clubs that include Frederick and Carroll counties. You can find District 22C meeting information in your District 22C roster book. I can also provide that information. Please schedule a visitation for early 2023. Report your completed visitation to me at jrmolesworth03@gmail.com. District 22C does not require any paperwork to report a visitation. Accept the visitation slip offered by the other club, but I do not need the visitation slip.

Lion Ray Molesworth

Years of Service to Lionism Recognition

Congratulations to the following Lions who have completed another year of service to the Lions Club of Damascus: Lion Kim Moore, 1 year; Lion Sean Stevenson, 1 year; Lion Kim Moore, 1 year; Lion Tony Barry, 14 years; Lion Joanne Woodson, 19 years; Lion Del Mayhew, 22 years; Lion Charlie Stone, 22 years; Lion Carol Stone, 22 years; Lion Tammy Hertel, 25 years; and Lion Charlie Hertel, 25 years.

Lions Clubs International has recognized these Lions with a continuous service pin for their commitment to Lionism: Lion Bob Ippolito, 1 year; Lion Kim Moore, 1 year; Lion Sean Stevenson, 1 year; Lion Tammy Hertel, 25 years; Lion Charlie Hertel, 25 years; Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, 30 years; Lion Ray Molesworth, 40 years and Lion Jack Peters, 40 years. This is a combined total of 164 years of service to the Lions Club of Damascus.

Lion Ray Molesworth

Damascus Sign

All committee chairs who wish to advertise their events, e.g., golf tournament, pancake breakfast should contact Tom Jackson at wtjackson@alimni.UNC.edu or text 240-308-0084 with dates.

Lion Tom Jackson



Time to Celebrate

January Birthdays:

Bob Newlin	1/6
Bob Williams	1/13
Ben Lewis	1/29

Partners in Service

None

January Anniversaries:

None

Upcoming Events

Tues., Jan 3 - 6:45pm, Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

Fri., Jan 6 - 10am-3:30pm - Blood Drive @ Grace Fellowship Church, to help contact Lion Charlie Hertel, to donate: redcrossblood.org

Wed., Jan 11 - 7:00pm, Board meeting @ Gladhill's

Tues., Jan 17 - 6:45pm, Dinner Meeting at Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

Sat. Jan 21 - 9:00am, Road Cleanup for more information contact Lion Tony at daniel8barry@gmail.com



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Holiday Giving Pictures



Santa and His Elf at our Christmas Party!