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The President's Message



The latter part of June 2023 was very active for our club. On June 20, 2023 we held our 78th Installation Night at the Montgomery Country Club in Laytonsville. There were 36 people in attendance, including PDG William "Bill" Lavely and his wife, Bobbi (no "e"). PDG Bill inducted Lions Delphine Barbous and Carolyn Marschall; and the 2023-2024 Incoming Officers. As

President I stated that my focus will be to increase membership so we can provide more services for the community.

The Lions Camp Merrick (LCM) Open House event was held on June 24, 2023. Fifteen people traveled to LCM. During the celebration, District Governor and LCM Board President, Chris Wooters presided over the dedication of a bench in memory of LCM's past Secretary Marcia Holpuch. In addition, there was a brick "In Memory of Marcia Holpuch LCM Secretary" for placement around the flag pole near the Dining Hall. It was a moving tribute to our Club Secretary Lion Marcia.

Looking forward, we will not have a regularly scheduled meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, as it is the Fourth of July. Happy Independence Day.

We will have a busy Celebrate Damascus week starting on July 6, 2023 to prepare for the Flea Market and Pancake Breakfast. The next day, July 7th activities include breakfast preparations, Blood Drive, and parade. Then on July 8th, we will have the Pancake Breakfast with Bake Table, and the Flea Market featuring the Mont. Co. Police Drug Take Back program and the Battery Collections by Critical Power, Inc.

Also in July, there will be Road Cleanup on the 15th, and our only meeting, picnic on July 18th. We finish July on the 29th with the Dairy Barn Cleanup.

KL Charlie

MAY EVENTS

AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

On Sunday May 28 five members of the Damascus Lions Club attended the American Legion Memorial Day Service. This solemn event commemorates those who have lost their lives serving their country. Many community organizations showed their support by presenting the Legion with flowers or wreaths. The Browningsville Cornet Band played traditional music throughout the event.



(Not pictured, Lion Tess Gladhill)

JUNE EVENTS

INSTALLATION NIGHT- June 20

The Damascus Lions Club celebrated their 78th Installation Night on June 20 at Montgomery Country Club in Laytonsville. Bob Snapp did his usual excellent job of planning this annual event. The food and venue were excellent. We celebrated a year of King Lion Joe's successes and we welcomed in our new officers. Congratulations to Lion Chris Fletcher for winning the Hyatt Trophy Award.



*Lion Chris
receiving the
Hyatt Trophy
award from
Lion Warren.*

KL Joe recognized many members for assisting him during his reign as King Lion (see Pictures page 6) PDG Bill Lavelly did an outstanding job of installing the new officers



and inducting our 2 new members, Delphine Barbous and Carolyn Marschall. Now we welcome our King Lion Charlie Stone to the

throne! A great evening was had by all!

Lion Barbara Barry

CAMP MERRICK BENCH DEDICATION- June 24

On Saturday June 24, 11 Lions from the Damascus Lions Club and 4 family members attended the Lions Camp Merrick Bench Dedication Service honoring Lion Marcia Holpuch. Many people including Lion Lois Barb, who spearheaded this event, and DG Chris Wooters spoke very kindly of Marcia and her involvement with Camp Merrick. Family member John also spoke about his mom. We were also able to tour the camp, see counselors in training, and enjoy a delicious lunch.

Marcia's bench will reside on the front porch of the Main Cabin as you enter the camp.



Lion Mary Frances made a friend!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST TICKETS

Do you need tickets for your family and friends? Lions Warren and Mary Frances have tickets to presell. Let them know if you need any! The Presold tickets, advanced sales, is a great way to promote the breakfast. And don't forget to get a ticket for yourself!!!

WHAT IS YOUR JOB FOR THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST?

Have you committed to help with the Pancake Breakfast? We still need help!

We will set up the dining room on Friday beginning at 9 am.

We will prepare food on Friday beginning at 9 am and can use some help!

And Saturday, July 8, we can use help in the kitchen starting at 5:30 a.m. and in the dining room starting at 7 a.m.

Also, Clean-up/Pack-up time is another opportunity to help! Start about 10:30 a.m.

Lots of bodies make for light work! See you for Pancakes!!!

Sight Conservation Report, 2022-23

During the past twelve months, the Damascus Lions Club incurred costs of \$1,883; and with that money, we provided vision exams and/or glasses to fourteen financially-strapped Damascus-area residents. Most of our clients were elementary school children referred to me by school nurses; but there were also others of all ages. For the children, the nurses and I decided that if a child was eligible for free school lunches, then they were eligible for our vision program. In the case of the older clients, I would ask and listen regarding their financial situation. This year, no client that requested help was refused help. In some cases, though, I did divert the client to a different local Lions Club closer to the client's residence.

Now that Damascus Eyeballs has moved out of the area, we are sending all clients to Montgomery Village

Eye Center. This place has worked out great. They charge us \$145 for an exam and glasses; and an extra \$25 for upgraded frames for children. I have checked with an optometrist friend and she says that this is a steeply discounted rate. With the upgraded frames, we get fewer repeat clients requesting replacements for broken frames. Also, the Eye Center has staff who speak Spanish! That is so helpful, because of course, I don't! The Eye Center also provides us with an abundance of used glasses.

All in all, I think our Club's Sight Conservation program for our area residents has been a good program over the years and continues as such today.

Lion Wayne Marr

Lions Club of Damascus

Years of Service Recognition

June 2023

Please congratulate the following Lions on the completion of another year of service.

Lion	Date Joined	Years of Service Completed
Bob Breiner	May 1991	32
Bob Ippolito	May 2021	2
Suresh Malhotra	June 2013	10
Bobbi Marr	June 2003	20
Joy Schwab	June 2003	20
Warren Schwab	June 2003	20
Sue Suddath	June 2003	20

Time to Celebrate

July Birthdays:

Rick Kendall	7/4
Sean Stevenson	7/7 *
Joy Schwab	7/13
Bob Snapp	7/18
*Significant Birthday	

Partners in Service

Viola Hibbard (George)	7/6
Lita Yates (Kevin)	7/17
Leslie Ippolito (Bob)	7/25

July Anniversaries:

Ray & Jennifer Molesworth	7/1 (51 yrs)
Sean & Karen Stevenson	7/13 (25 yrs)
Rob & Cathy Hyman	7/22 (18 yrs)
Vahe & Barbara Aghamalian	7/28 (39 yrs)
Kevin & Lita Yates	7/30 (29 yrs)

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Upcoming Events

Fri., Jul 7 - 10am - 3:30pm - Blood Drive @ Grace Fellowship Church - Contact Lion Charlie Hertel to help contact chtelco@aol.com

Fri., July 7 - 6 pm -Celebrate Damascus – parade, meet at DHS parking lot

Sat., July 8 Celebrate Damascus -flea market
see Lion Chris Chriswfletcher@verizon.net

Sat., July 8 Pancake Breakfast at DMUC -
see Lion Mary Frances
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Wed., Jul 12 - 7:00pm, Board meeting @ Gladhill's - in person

Sat., Jul 15- 9:00am, Road Cleanup- meet at Weis parking lot. See Lion Tony Daniel8Barry@gmail.com

Tues, Jul 18- 6:45 pm- Dinner Meeting at 61 Winery on Route 80, Damascus -See Lion Tessie
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Pictures from Installation Night

