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## The President's Message



The amount of daylight is longer and the weather is becoming milder as we leave Old Man Winter behind us. Yeah!

The Blood Drive on March 1st at the Damascus UMC went well. On March 2nd, several Lions attended the 2nd

Advisory/4th Cabinet Meeting at St. Mary's Church in Barnesville. The "Gov 101" presentation by Councilmember Luedtke was very informative. Our Spring Pancake Breakfast held on March 16th at the Damascus UMC was record setting. The annual in-house auction on March 19th helped replenish our club funds. The Road Cleanup scheduled for March 23rd was cancelled because of rain.

We start April 2024 with a guest speaker from a local charity at our April 2nd meeting. In addition, we will review and elect our officers for the Lions year 2024-2025. Then on April 6th, we have the District 22-C Night at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees, in Waldorf, MD. Our meeting on April 16th does not have a scheduled guest speaker so we may use the time for recuperation, open discussion, and planning for a very busy May 2024.

Happy Spring!

KL Charlie

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

### Blood Drive-February 23

The Damascus Lions Club hosted our fifth and sixth blood drive for year 2023-2024 on Friday February 23rd, 2024 and Friday March 1st, 2024. I would like to thank our Lion volunteers especially Lion Chris Fletcher for always supporting the ARC blood program in Damascus and bringing her energy to the needle!! As well I would like to thank my son-in-law Ivo Banev for filling in when I can not be there.

We had Lion Chris Fletcher and Lion Joan Paseur support the Damascus High School blood drive.

Lion Joan brought in oranges for the donors to make sure that they had some food in there system.

We collected 26 units of blood for the American Red Cross at Damascus High School.

We did not need to call the ambulance for this drive:)

We had Lion Chris Fletcher, Lion Joan Paseur and Lion Julie Sain support the Damascus United Methodist Church blood drive. We set up and broke down the hall, put up signage, helped donors sign up for future drives, worked the canteen and spoke to our donors about Lionism.

Thank you to Lisa Marshall with the Damascus United Methodist Church for them allowing us to use the hall. Also a special thanks to my Son in law Ivo for helping set up and break down the drive and working with the Damascus Lions Volunteers as well.

We collected 41 units of blood for the American Red Cross at Damascus United Methodist Church

This puts our total units for 2023-2024 = 221 Units  
Our next and last ARC Blood Drive for 2023-2024 year will be Friday May 3rd, 2024.

This drive will be at the Damascus United Methodist Church. We are in need of new donors please ask a relative, friend or neighbor!!

\*These are the next years Blood drives for 2024- 2025  
-Church

Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> - American Legion Post 171

Friday, September 6th - American Legion Post 171

Friday, November 1st - American Legion Post 171

Friday, January 3, 2025 - Damascus United Methodist  
Lion Charlie Hertel

## MARCH EVENTS

### Pancake Breakfast- March 16

Years ago and in the beginning, Pancake Day was a day long event, from breakfast time to dinner time - 7 am to 7 pm. Served pancakes and sausage and beverages. Our memories take us back to the early 1950's. The first breakfast was held at the Damascus Chevrolet garage service area before the garage was completely built. Not sure of the setup other than it was in the service area and the driveway was not paved. It was muddy, cars got stuck and mud was being trapped into the breakfast area. Must have used gas griddles. Do not know about the tables and seating arrangements. Yet it was a success! And some 75 years later, we are keeping the tradition – a Damascus Lions Pancake Breakfast.

Yes, you would have thought we were part of Hell's Kitchen with Chef Ramsey! "The ovens are not getting hot! Heat the gravy on the stove top! The Convention Oven is slow! Cook some sausage on the stove top! We need eggs! We need pancakes. How about potatoes, are they ready? We are out of onions! Used the last of the eggs and we have another hour to go! We are out of orange juice! Did you take the temperature of that sausage?" Yes, we made a grocery run to get eggs and OJ!

The morning started very slow but about 8:30, we became a popular place to gather! The dining room had a good crowd for about 2 hours. The bake table was laden with baked goodies and kiddie treats. The Leos, Leo Advisor Lion Kim and daughter were a great help in the dining room. Lions who had not worked the breakfast previously, came to the rescue and did a great job from beginning thru the clean-up! Thanks to the two Certified Kitchen Managers from DUMChurch for their time and help both days!

There was very little food leftover – Oh maybe a couple pounds of butter! And a little bit of coffee!

Our records reflected that 229 tickets were turned in but in reality, there was more diners than that! The Bake Table brought in donations totaling \$537. Had some generous donors scarfing up the baked goods! ! The donation jars on the tables brought in \$75. The overall profit for the breakfast is a whopping \$ 3,778.61. A record!

Damascus Lions has many tremendous willing members – We cooked and set up on Friday! Saturday, we put it into action. We had every angle covered and did it well. We have heard many compliments from the diners – and that says it all! Thanks to Damascus Lions for having and cooking another great Pancake Breakfast. Thank You to our fellow Damascus Lions! Great Job!

Lions Warren and Joy Schwab, Sue Suddath, Mary Frances Gosnell, Breakfast Committee

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Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

## **Auction Night- March 19**

Our in house auction raises money to help support our club account, therefore keeping our dues down to a minimum. We had plenty of “goodies” for this year’s event including Mary Frances’ famous jams & jellies. We also had Joan’s farm fresh eggs. Who would have thought 12 dozen eggs could raise \$60 for the club? There were gift cards and services such as rides to the airport that brought in huge money! We were also fortunate to have visitors from New Market who were interested in seeing just how we do our auction. They weren’t just observers, they were buyers, too! One person from the kitchen even bought Mike’s Bethany townhouse. As of now, we made over \$1800! Thank you to ever member who donated and/or purchased our items. Not only is this a fund raiser, it is also a “fun” raiser as the night usually provides us with a few good laughs!

Lion Barbara Barry

## **Lion Bob Newlin Golden Anniversary in Lions**

Lion Bob Newlin is best known for his role as the “Bum” roaming the streets of Damascus looking for persons to become new members of the “Damascus Liars Club.” His recruiting efforts included a free breakfast at “Tom & Rays” where the “Bum” would convince his prospects to join the “Liar’s Club.” Bob’s method of meeting with small groups of prospective members at breakfast got the attention of Past International President (PIP) Clem Kusiak when an article about Bob appeared in the Lions Club International (LCI) magazine “Lion.” PIP Kusiak always comments on Bob’s method of recruiting new members when PIP Kusiak visits the Damascus Lions Club. Lion Bob sponsored thirty-three members for induction into the Damascus Lions Club. The newest Lion sponsored by Lion Bob is his wife Lion Colleen. Lion Bob sponsored eight current members of the club.

Lion Bob joined the Damascus Lions Club in February 1971 and was an active Lion until January 1980, when the Department of Energy transferred him to Washington State. Lion Bob returned to the Damascus Lions Club in January 1983 and has been an active member since returning. Bob was King Lion during 1990-1991 and has contributed to numerous committees. When Lion Bob was chair of the Holiday Basket Project, he convinced his co-workers at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to start an annual food drive for the benefit of the Damascus Holiday Basket Project. The NRC supported the Holiday Basket Project through December 2022 even though Bob retired from NRC in 1996.

Lion Bob has been an active member of the Damascus Lions Club for 50 years. The Damascus Lions Club recognized Bob as Lion of the Year and Lion of the Years. He also received the Hyatt Award and the Emerson Slacum Award. Bob became a Melvin Jones Fellow in 2005 and was awarded a Life Membership by LCI in 2021. Please congratulate Lion Bob on his achievements.

## Years of Service

The following Lions are commended for completing another year of continuous service to the Damascus Lions Club:

Lion	Date Joined	Years of Service
Ray Molesworth	December 1982	41
Tammy Hertel	December 1997	26
Charlie Hertel	December 1997	26
John Washington	January 1999	25
Roy Stanley	January 2007	17
Rob Hyman	January 2022	2
Tessie Gladhill	February 2002	22
Chris Fletcher	February 2006	18
Bob Snapp	March 1970	52
Mike Thornett	March 1998	24
Barbara Barry	March 2003	21
Patsy McKenzie	March 2008	16
Rick Kendall	March 2009	15

Lion Ray Molesworth

## 2024-25 Slate of Officers

As nominated by your Nominating Committee (Lions Joe Howerton and Charlie Stone), for presentation to the club membership at the Nominating Meeting on March 5, 2024. At that meeting, additional nominations may be made from the floor by any member.

### Club Officers

President Charlie Stone

1 st Vice Carol Stone

2nd Vice Julie Sain

3rd Vice President Bob Ippolito

Secretary Barbara Barry

Asst. Secretary Ray Molesworth

Foundation Treasurer Mary Frances Gosnell

Asst. Foundation Treasurer Jon Inglefield

Club Treasurer Vahe Aghamalian

Tail Twister Charlie Hertel

Asst. Tail Twister Tony Barry

Lion Tamer Warren Schwab

Asst. Lion Tamer Jack Peters

Chaplain Julie Sain

### 1 Yr Director

Wayne Marr

Patricia McKenzie

Tess Gladhill

Sue Suddath

### 2 Yr Director

Del Mayhew

Joan Paseur

Nanda Alipati

Susan Smarte

**Membership** – 1 Yr Sue Suddath

Membership – 1 Yr Ameila Dizon

Membership Chair Chris Fletcher

Immed. Past President Joe Howerton

## Time to Celebrate

### April Birthdays:

Jon Inglefield	4/12
Tom Jackson	4/18
John Ampiah-Addison	4/24

### Partners in Service

Jennifer Molesworth (Ray)	4/11
Cathy Hyman (Rob)	4/30

### April Anniversaries:

Bob & Joanne Breiner	4/25 (37 yrs)
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## Upcoming Events

**April 2** – 6:45pm, Dinner meeting at Wesley Grove UMC

**April 6** – Road Cleanup 9 am DHS Parking Lot for more information contact Lion Tony [Daniel8barry@gmail.com](mailto:Daniel8barry@gmail.com)

**April 6** – 22C Night – Waldorf MD

**April 10** – 7:00 pm Board meeting at Gladhill's

**April 16**– 6:45pm, Dinner meeting at Wesley Grove UMC

**White Cane- May 1- 3** Safeway Damascus, for more information contact Lion Wayne [waynemarr@aol.com](mailto:waynemarr@aol.com).



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Pancake Breakfast

