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The President's Message



On February 2, 2025, at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, PA, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and per tradition, he was predicting a long winter. Well, I think he was correct. We had more snow and cold days in February than usual. The forecast for early March 2024 shows morning temps below

freezing and daytime highs about 45 degrees F. Some good news is that Daylight Saving Time occurs on March 9th.

The program for our February 4th meeting was part two of our Lions New Member Orientation. Five members provided insights on their unique committee activities to support the community. The February 12th Board Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Our meeting on February 18th consisted of an Open Program for our club committee chairs to share their concerns for accomplishing club goals. It was an excellent, interactive meeting. On February 21st, we had the Blood Drive at Damascus HS.

We start March 2024 with a Blood Drive on March 7th at Damascus UMC. Then on March 8th, we have the District 22-C 2nd Advisory/4th Cabinet Meeting at St. Mary's Church in Barnesville. Our Spring Pancake Breakfast will be held at Damascus UMC on March 15th. We closeout March with our Road Cleanup on March 22nd.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

KL Charlie

Blood Drives

The Damascus Lions Club hosted our fifth blood drive for year 2024-2025 on Friday February 21st, 2025. I would like to thank our Lion volunteers Lion Chris Fletcher, Lion Joan Paseur and Lion Sue Suddath for always supporting the ARC blood program in Damascus. They are part of Charlie's Angels. I picked up Lion Chris at her residence early that morning to get her to the DHS to help even with her recovery a couple of weeks ago from hip surgery. We collected 23 units of blood for the American Red Cross at Damascus High School. We had a few minor incident: this time but ambulance was called:)

This puts our total units for 2024-2025 = 194 Units
Our next ARC Blood Drive for 2024-2025 year will be Friday March 7th, 2025. This drive will be at the Damascus United Methodist Church.

Our Last blood drive for 2024-2025 year will be Friday, May 2nd - 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:
Friday, May 2nd - Damascus United Methodist Church
Friday July 11th, 2025 - American Legion Post 171
Friday, September 5th - American Legion Post 171
Friday, November 7th - American Legion Post 171
Lion Charlie Hertel

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 4 - Slate of Officers for 25-26 will be opened for nominations. We're also having Game Night Bring you favorite table game (Checkers, Cards, Monopoly, Scrabble, Dominoes or your favorite), form your teams and take time out to relax. Bring your favorite snack! Yes, RELAX, wear your Pajamas or your lounging wear Only you can make it A FUN NIGHT! FURIOUS RIVALRY!

March 18 - Slate of Officers for 25-26 will be closed for nominations.

Childhood Cancer Program brought to you by District Chairs Lion Kristen Ross and Lion Trendera Rusher

April 1 - Slate of Officers for 25-26 will be voted on, Paul Hawkins will give us an update on the diabetes program with Montgomery County

Schools, and it's Aprils Fool's Day - Welcome to Tom Foolery's Den! Wear your clothes backward! Fun and Games for all!

April 15 - Tax Day - Annual In-House Auction to benefit the Club Treasury
Lions Mary Frances Gosnell and Eloise Woodfield

Slate of Officers: 2025-2026

President	Charlie Stone
1st Vice Pres.	Nanda Alipati
2nd Vice Pres.	Bob Ippolito
3rd Vice Pres.	Susan Smarte
Secretary	Barbara Barry
Asst. Secretary	Ray Molesworth
Foundation Treasurer	Jon Inglefield
Club Treasurer	Vahe Aghamalian
Tail Twister	Charlie Hertel
Asst. Tail Twister	Tony Barry
Lion Tamer	Joe Howerton
Asst. Lion Tamer	Jack Peters
Directors – 1 year	Joan Paseur Sue Suddath Mary Frances Gosnell
Directors – 2 years	Patricia McKenzie Tess Gladhill Wayne Marr
Membership Chair – 1 yr.	Chris Fletcher
Membership – 2 yr.	Carol Stone
Membership – 3 yr.	Sue Suddath
Immed. Past President	Charlie Stone

HOLDIAY GIVING DONATIONS

The following businesses gave generous donations to our Holiday Giving project in 2024:
 Tregoning CPA & Assoc, P.A.
 Geyer's Towing, Inc.
 Shumaker Family Properties, LLC
 Windy Way Greener Solutions LLC
 Bradley Construction Company, Inc.

Thank you for your continued support. We also collected donations from many individuals. We appreciate each and every one of you! You truly make this project a community effort.
 Lion Patricia McKenzie

Pancake Breakfast

I hope everyone is getting ready for Pancake Breakfast (March 15th). This is the first year that Sue Suddath and I will be taking over Pancake Breakfast with Mary Frances help. And we can always use help. Tell your family and friends to come. We still need to sell tickets and if anyone would like to buy tickets please see Susan Smarte. I will also have flyers with me at the Tuesday's meeting for anyone who would like to post about the Pancake Breakfast. **And of course please let us know if you have any questions.**

Thank you for all your help!
 Lion's Joan Paseur & Sue Suddath

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 CONVENTION

FEBRUARY 2025

2025 CONVENTION NEWS

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS HERE!

Reasons to Attend

- Meet and network with Lions and Leos from around the Multiple District.
- Attend enlightening seminars that provide opportunities to share ideas and meet today's challenges of membership in your club.
- Participate in the business of MD 22 and districts in electing District Governors and Vice District Governors.

Seminars

Seminars are educational and interesting. The information obtained at the seminars can provide personal growth and help to enhance the operation of our Lions organization. It's a great place to bring your new members and officers to learn about Lionism. Seminar topics will be included in the March Convention Newsletter.

Friday, May 2	3:10 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.
Saturday, May 3	10:05 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
	10:55 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

If you have a suggestion for a seminar, or would like to give a seminar, please contact Global Leadership Chair, PDG Daniel Elkins, delkins@bellevuecc.org, 304-544-0349.

CONVENTION DATES

**Thursday through
 Sunday
 May 1 - 4, 2025**

LOCATION & HEADQUARTERS

**WISP RESORT
 296 MARSH HILL ROAD
 MCHENRY, MD 21541**

ONLINE REGISTRATION

<https://e-district.org/sites/md22/page-12.php>
<https://mdlions22w.org/md22-convention>

LIONS PUTT PUTT GOLF

Location: Mountain Park
 \$10.00 Per Person
 Friday, May 3rd & Saturday, May 4th, 2025
 9 a.m. ~ 9 p.m.
 LIONS Convention Name Tag and Mini Golf Pass
 REQUIRED

CONVENTION HOSPITALITY NIGHT

Convention Hospitality Night will be a chicken BBQ on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Garrett County Fairgrounds, 270 Mosser Rd, McHenry, MD 21541. Come and visit with old friends and meet new friends!
 Entertainment by DJ PDG Chris Wooters

CONVENTION IS FOR EVERYONE

EVERYONE BENEFITS BY ATTENDING!

Time to Celebrate

March Birthdays:

Bobbie Marr	3/1
Peter Grysavage	3/8*
George Hibbard	3/10
Seyed Mousavi	3/21
Joan Passeur	3/25*
Jack Peters	3/28
Amelia Dizon	3/38

*Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

None

March Anniversaries:

Tom & Jonnie Jackson	3/14 (63 yrs)
Jack & Frann Peters	3/30 (58 yrs)

Upcoming Events

March 4 - 6:45pm, Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC

March 7 – 10 am, Blood Drive – Damascus United Methodist Church – for more information contact Lion Charlie Hertel chtelco@aol.com

March 12 - 6:30pm, Board meeting at Gladhill/Maryland Tractor

March 15 - 5:30am, Pancake Breakfast at DMUC for more information contact Lion Joan Passeur jpasseur1@verizon.net

March 18- 6:45pm, Dinner meeting Wesley Grove UMC

March 22- 9 am. Road Cleanup – meet at DHS Parking Lot – for more information contact Lion Tony Barry Daniel8Barry@gmail.com



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February's Board Meeting was Cancelled