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The President's Message



Summer officially started on June 20th and the recent temperatures above 90 degrees F help to prove it. Not long ago, some folks were looking forward to warmer weather. Now, it seems the cool weather wasn't that bad after all.

In June 2025, we held our last dinner meeting for Lions Year 2024-2025 on June 3rd at Wesley Grove UMC. Our dinner meetings will resume there on September 2, 2025 (Picture Night). We finished the month with our 80th Installation Night on June 17th at the Montgomery Country Club in Laytonsville. Lions Council Chair (CC) Gary Burdette inducted Lions Sushma Borra and Yvette Housen; and the 2025-2026 Incoming Officers. In addition, CC Gary presented the Clement F. Kusiak Fellowship Award to Lion Ray Molesworth.

Looking forward, our July 1, 2025 dinner meeting will be hosted by Lions Charlie and Tammy Hertel at their house. On July 11th there will be a Blood Drive at the Damascus American Legion. We will have a busy Celebrate Damascus Days starting with the Damascus Parade on July 11th; followed by the Damascus Flea Market on the 12th. Our second dinner meeting of the month, July 15th will be held at the Damascus VFD Activities Center. It will be our First Appreciation Night. We finish a busy month with Road Cleanup on July 19th.

Happy 4th of July!

KL Charlie

JUNE EVENTS

INSTALLATION NIGHT- June 17

The Damascus Lions Club celebrated their 80th Installation Night on June 17 at Montgomery Country Club in Laytonsville. Bob Snapp did his usual excellent job of planning this annual event.



A big Thanks to CC PDG Lion Gary Burdette for doing an outstanding job of installing the new officers and inducting our 2 new members, Yvette Housen and Sushma Borra. Lion Tess and KL Charlie presented Lion Ray Molesworth with a certificate for the Hyatt Award. He is the last recipient to receive this award. Ray was also recognized for the Kusiak Lions Youth Foundation of Multiple District 22. Congrats Ray!



The Damascus Lions Club want to thank KL Charlie Stone for stepping up to the plate and serving our club as King Lion for a THIRD TERM!



Lion Jon presented Lion Mary Frances with flowers as an appreciation for her many years serving as foundation Treasurer.



The Damascus Lions Club 2025-26 Officers!

Lion Barbara Barry

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1 Picnic/Dinner Meeting

Our July 1 Picnic/ Dinner Meeting will be held at Lions Tammy & Charlie Hertel's house, 11700 Piedmont Rd Clarksburg. Food will be provided by Tom & Rays. No cost to members, but please bring a dessert.

Lions Tammy & Charlie Hertel



Damascus Days Parade – July 11



The Damascus Days Parade will be Friday July 11. The theme of the parade is *America the Beautiful*. Meet us at the Damascus High School parking lot by 6 pm. We will decorate the float in red, white and blue and nibble on a

few snacks. **We really want to encourage ALL members to please attend this event.** Lion Tony has borrowed the hay wagon from Lion Roy Stanley and is in the process of modifying the steps to make it easy for all to climb aboard! Or some of you may wish to walk along side of the float. It will be a fun evening. Let's show the community how we roar!

Lions Barbara & Tony Barry

LIONS APPRECIATION NIGHT- July 15

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, July 15, for an evening of good food, fun and entertainment! The Board of Directors approved a night to say "Thank You" to the many family members and friends for assisting the Lions in their activities and projects as well as you, the members. Your Vice Presidents have been working diligently asking committee chairs to submit names of all that have been loyal to the Damascus Lions. Should you know of someone that you would like to submit, please let Lions Tess or Mary Frances know by July 3. We will need many of you to assist with activities and set up for the evening. Looking forward to enjoying and acknowledging our efforts. Invitations will be sent out shortly.
Lions Tess and Mary Frances

Blood Drives

Our next ARC Blood Drive for 2025-2026 year will be Friday July 11th, 2025. This drive will be at the Damascus American Legion Post 171. This will be our first blood drive for 2025-2026 year. We are in need of new donors please ask a relative, friend or neighbors!!

Our next blood drives for 2025- 2026 are 9/5, 11/7.
Lion Charlie Hertel

Sight and Hearing Conservation Committee Report of Fiscal Year 2024-2025

The Damascus Lions Club expended \$3,502 over the past 12 months to help eighteen eyecare patients and two hearing aid patients in the Damascus/Clarksburg area. This amount also includes \$373 for our new signs. This total expenditure was more than the prior fiscal year, as school nurses further increased their use of our program and the cost of exams and glasses increased. Many of the eyeglass cases were children. Our initial 2024-2025 committee budget was \$3,000; this was raised to \$3,800 in May 2025. We also received a Garner Fund grant from LCOF for \$209.

Since last year, we have given up on Peepers in Damascus; they were too expensive. Now, when an individual has a current written vision prescription and just needs help in obtaining glasses, we assign the individual to Eyeballs in Monrovia or Montgomery Village Eye Center (MVEC) in Gaithersburg. When an individual needs both a vision exam and eyewear, we assign them to MVEC. All our providers give us special low rates for the cases they receive from our Club. Our cases come to our attention from: county social services organizations, the Damascus Senior Center, school health staff, Damascus Help, providers, and directly from patients themselves. I handle the vision cases and Mary Frances Gosnell handles the hearing aid cases.

This program is a very worthwhile offering of our Club to financially-needy residents of Damascus and Clarksburg.

Lion Wayne Marr

The Montgomery County Fair

The Montgomery County Fair is on August 8th to the 16th. Damascus is there on Friday August 8th in the late afternoon and on Tuesday August 12th ALL DAY scooping ice cream! We need everyone's help!
Lion Charlie Hertel

Time to Celebrate

July Birthdays:

Rick Kendall	7/4
Joy Schwab	7/13
Bob Snapp	7/18
Bethel Dzobo	7/19

Partners in Service

Viola Hibbard (George)	7/6
Leslie Ippolito (Bob)	7/25

July Anniversaries:

Ray & Jennifer Molesworth	7/1 (53 yrs)
Rob & Cathy Hyman	7/22 (20 yrs)
Vahe & Barbara Aghamalian	7/28 (41 yrs)

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Upcoming Events

July 1 – 6:45 Dinner meeting Lions Tammy & Charlie Hertel's house 11700 Piedmont Rd Clarksburg

Jul 9 - 7:00pm, Board meeting Gladhill/Maryland Tractor

July 11 – 10:30 am - Blood Drive Damascus American Legion, Contact Lion Charlie Hertel to help
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July 11- 6 pm -Celebrate Damascus – parade, meet at DHS parking lot, for more information contact Lion Tony
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July 12- Celebrate Damascus -flea market
see Lion Chris Chriswfletcher@verizon.net

Jul 15- 6:45 pm- Dinner Meeting at DVFD Activities Center

Jul 19- 9:00am, Road Cleanup- meet at DHS parking lot
for more information contact Lion Andrew
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July 26 – 8:00 am Dairy Barn Cleanup – Montgomery Cty Fair grounds, for more information contact Lion Tammy Tammy_hertel@mcpsmd.org

