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The President's Message



It was a hot July with plenty of rain even as the hours of daylight shortened with the passing of the summer solstice. For the folks who like 90 degree days, more are on the way in August.

The July 1, 2025 dinner meeting hosted by Lions

Charlie and Tammy Hertel at their house was terrific! In addition, they overcame the thunderstorms by accommodating everyone in their home. The Blood Drive and Damascus Parade events on July 11th; and the Lions Flea Market on the 12th made for a busy Damascus Days weekend. Our second dinner meeting of the month, Appreciation Night was on July 15th at the Damascus VFD Activities Center. It was a huge success! We finished the month with Road Cleanup on July 19th.

We begin August 2025 with our dinner meeting on August 5th at Montgomery UMC. Faith in Action will have bins for us to place donated school supplies. Please refer to the July 15, 2025 email from Lion Susan (via Lion Secretary Barbara) for a list of needed supplies. On August 8th and 12th, we will be dipping Ice Cream in the Dairy Barn at the Montgomery County Fair. The Board meeting scheduled for August 13th was cancelled. We end our month of activities with the Senior Birthday Party event on August 14th at the Damascus Senior Center.

Take care,
KL Charlie

JULY EVENTS

Dinner July 1 – Hertel’s House



A HUGE Thank You goes out to Lions Tammy & Charlie Hertel for hosting our July dinner meeting/picnic. The weather did not cooperate so we were inside but there were plenty of tables and chairs for all of us. The food was excellent, fried chicken and side salads from Weis and PLENTY of desserts. Their daughter, Candice gave birth to twin girls less than a week before the picnic and the Hertels still insisted on hosting it! Our Lions Club is blessed to have so many great members.

Lion Barbara Barry

Blood Drive - July 11

The Damascus Lions Club hosted their first blood drive for year 2025-2026 on Friday July 11th, 2025 at the Damascus American Legion Hall. I would like to thank our Lion volunteers Lion Chris Fletcher and Lion Joan Passeur for always supporting the ARC blood program in Damascus. They help set up and clean up the hall along with the ARC team members by moving chairs, tables, coolers and whatever else is needed. They work the canteen to make sure all blood donors are feeling well enough to drive away. They also schedule the donors for our next drive. Lion Chris always sets up the banner which helps with exposure. Again, another shout out and a big THANK YOU to these two extraordinary Charlie's Angel's!!

At the end of the drive, we had to hurry and get out of Lewis Drive because the community parade was to start in just a couple of hours!!

We collected 47 units of blood for the American Red Cross at Damascus American Legion Hall. We had 51 people presented, 3 were first time donors. Congrats to Lion Joan who is becoming a regular blood donor. We are in need of new donors please ask a relative, friend or neighbors!!

Our next ARC Blood Drive for 2025-2026 year will be Friday September 5th, 2025. This drive will be at the Damascus American Legion Post 171. This will be our second blood drive for 2025-2026 year.

The next Blood drives for 2025- 2026:

Friday Nov 7th, 2025 - American Legion Post 171

Friday Jan 9th, 2026 – DUMC

Friday March 6th, 2026 – DUMC

Friday May 1st, 2026 – DUMC

Lion Charlie Hertel

Celebrate Damascus Parade- July 11

It was the perfect summer evening for a parade to help us Celebrate Damascus. Many Damascus Lions, family members and friends gathered at the DHS parking lot to decorate the float. The theme was “America the Beautiful” so we had red, white and blue decorations. After decking out the float, we snacked on dinner consisting of subs, cookies and water. Lion Tony proudly pulled the float with his 1962 red Mack Truck decorated with the “Damascus Lions” banner and plenty of American Flags. A special thanks to Lion Roy who allowed us to modify the hay wagon to make it more comfortable for our members to ride on.

Thank you to all the Lions who came out to participate



Lion Barbara Barry

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in the Celebrate Damascus Parade and a very special “Thank You” goes to Juliana Aghamalian for wearing the lion costume! She did an awesome job again of entertaining the crowds!

Flea Market Day – July 12

The Flea Market activities started on Thursday evening when Lions Mary Frances, Wayne, Tess and Chris marked off the spaces for Saturday morning. On Friday evening, after the parade, Lion Chris went back to the church grounds to set out the banners at the spaces that would be used to set up on Saturday morning. Early Saturday morning Lions Jon, Nanda, Joe, Bob Ippolito, Tess and Chris set up the booth. Several Lions donated goods to be sold. Lions Tess, Eloise and Mary Frances help man the booth throughout the day. The McKenzie's were setup next to us and Lion Patsy or one of her sister's stepped in to help out at times. Some Lions made purchases or stopped at our booth to chat. Lions Nanda, Ray and Tess helped with cleaning up the booth at the end of the day. We raised \$137 in sales, received a \$10 donation from Hospitality Night and made \$500 for the space rentals for our efforts of the day, totaling \$647 for the days' efforts. Lion Chris spoke to a few patrons about Lionism and we have a prospective member. Please forgive me if missed anyone. Again, thanks to everyone who helped to make the day successful. We could not have done it without your help.

Lion Chris Fletcher

APPRECIATION NIGHT WITH DAMASCUS LIONS- July 15

As posted on Facebook -

"On Tuesday, July 15, the Damascus Lions Club took an opportunity to thank local partners in service for their ongoing support of our service efforts in the community. Recipients included but not limited to The Tradesmen Motorcycle Club, Virginia Maryland Tractor (formerly Gladhills), Critical Power, Inc, Damascus UM Church, Cedarbrook Community Church, Welsey Grove UM Church, Damacus Vol. Fire Dept, WesBanco, Damascus Safeway. Also thank to the DVFD for providing their space and excellent meal as well as the Dave Zelanka Band for providing some great music for the evening."

Appreciation Night 2025 was attended by 73 Lions and Partners-In-Service along with another 12 members of

the Ladies Auxiliary and members of the Damascus Vol. Fire Dept.

Being our first attempt to recognize and show our appreciation to those who partner with our Damacus Lions in our many endeavors, the evening was filled with games, silent auction (no money needed), enjoyable live music as well as great appetizers, meal and dessert and ending with a Cake Walk with Sue's homemade cakes! The carefully set tables surrounded the stage to enjoy the music and were donned with a centerpiece of a yellow rose along with a goody bag. And of course, we didn't miss the opportunity to greet everyone with Leo, the Lion, and a Lions brochure. We recognized our families and friends for their support. Framed Certificates designating a Partner-In-Service status were presented to the businesses who have partnered with the Damascus Lions in their many community projects. Family members and businesses are the rock of our success!

We have a "Lessons Learned" list! In spite, the evening was well received by our guests and Lions. Our appreciation to all who have so graciously given of their time and talents to be a Partner-In-Service with the Damascus Lions!

Lions Tess Gladhill and Mary Frances Gosnell



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Road Cleanup - July 19

Everything went really well, we were able to consolidate down to one bag and Lion Peter was able to take it to the dump. Here's a photo of everyone as well.

Lion Andrew Oliverio



Ice Cream Dipping- Aug 8 & 12

The Montgomery County Fair is coming, and the Damascus Lions will be dipping on Tuesday August 12, 2025. The fair dates are August 8-16. We have to also support Friday August 8th. We need 2 Damascus Lions for each shift 3-7p and 7-11p. We have 2 clean up days prior to serving Ice Cream. They are the 2 Saturdays before the fair -July 26th & August 2nd- 830-1230p- We will be cleaning the Dairy Barn.

Anyone can come. All ages.....

The Dairy Barn will open at 10:00 am on our day an hour early. We need to sign up all our shifts. We need 4 cashiers each shift. We need 2 runners each shift- They need to be adults and able to step up into the truck to get ice cream and refill all ice cream on that shift.

This job is the most important and I need at least 2 capable people each shift. **MANDATORY!!** Tammy will provide the link for our Lions members to sign up!! We will discuss the parking passes for the fair at the Lions meeting on August 5th, 2025 at Montgomery UMC. This is the most fun event the Lions do:) Remember that The Damascus Lions Club also runs the Ice Cream Dipping at the Montgomery County Fair for the entire 9 days. Thank you to all who will step up and support the Damascus Lions.

If you feel like you can't come and work, please come sit and have an ice cream with me:)

Lion Tammy Hertel

School Supplies- Aug 5

This is a reminder that we will be collecting the school supplies at our next dinner meeting on Tuesday, August 5th.

Below you will find the flyer of what they would like us to collect and link to their website if you would like additional details.

Faith In Action will be providing us with a bin to put our school supplies in at our next meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Lion Susan

WE ARE COLLECTING:

<p><u>Paper (wide** or college-ruled):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• composition books**• spiral notebooks• loose leaf paper• post-it notes	<p><u>Organization:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• pocket folders**• binders (1 or 2 inch)**• dividers**• backpacks** (no characters)• lunch boxes
<p><u>Writing Tools:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• packs of pencils**• dry erase markers**• pencil boxes (hard or soft)• erasers & eraser caps• pens (blue, black & red)• highlighters	<p><u>Arts & Crafts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• school scissors• markers• Crayola crayons• colored pencils• glue sticks

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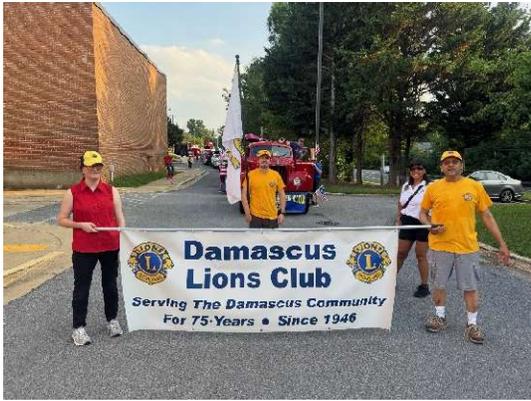
****indicates items of greatest need**

To make a monetary donation, please visit <https://www.faithinactionmd.com>

Cute Pic from the Parade!



Pictures from the Parade



Pictures from Appreciation Night



Time to Celebrate

August Birthdays:

Carolyn Marschall	8/10
Gary Hilton	8/11
Charlie Holpuch	8/21
Patricia McKenzie	8/25

Partners in Service

Rajesh Borra (Sushma)	8/9
Graham Moore (Kim)	8/13
Joanne Breiner (Bob)	8/16

August Anniversaries:

Peter & Barbara Grysavage	8/12 (36 yrs)
George & Viola Hibbard	8/15 (66 yrs)
Dale & Scott Ryan	8/21 (43 yrs)
Bob & Leslie Ippolito	8/26 (49 yrs)
Warren & Joy Schwab	8/31 (65 yrs)

Corrections to the Roster book:

Amelia Dizon – 11452 Stoney Point Pl,
Germantown MD 20876

Roy Stanley – P.O. Box 577, Damascus MD
20872 (Remove spouse Kathy)

Upcoming Events

August 2- Clean Dairy Barn, Montgomery County
Fair, 8 am

August 5 – Dinner meeting, Montgomery Methodist
Church, 6:45 pm – **bring your school supplies**

~~**August 13** – Board Meeting, Gladhill/Maryland
Tractor, 7 pm CANCELLED~~

August 8 & 12- Ice Cream Dipping, Montgomery
County Fair for more information contact Lions
Tammy [Tammy Hertel@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tammy_Hertel@mcpsmd.org) or Charlie
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August 14 - Senior Birthday Party, Damascus Rec
Center, 12:45 pm- for more information contact
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