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The President's Message



The month of August brought hot days and thunderstorms, but did not deter Damascus Lions from serving the community.

August 2025 was another busy month for us. On August 2nd we held the second of two Dairy Barn Cleanups. The club met on August 5th at Montgomery UMC for dinner and to fill blue bins

with our donated school supplies. The Damascus Lions Club staffed the Dairy Barn on August 8th and 12th, dipping Ice Cream at the Montgomery County Fair. Thank you to all the Lions who helped make this a success! A special salute goes to Lion Tammy Hertel for her dedicated efforts organizing local Lions Clubs & Leos to staff the Dairy Barn. The Senior Birthday Party event was held on August 14th at the Damascus Rec Center. On the 18th we helped Scout Troop 264 prepare Connor's Kits at their 2nd Annual Packing Party in Olney led by PDG Paul Hawkins.

Looking forward to September 2025 brings several familiar activities. We return to Wesley Grove UMC on September 2nd for our first, post-summer dinner meeting. It's Picture Night so wear your Lions shirt, vest, or both. On the 5th, there is a Blood Drive at the Damascus American Legion Post 171. The 79th Annual Damascus Community Fair will be held the 5th-7th. Several Damascus Lions will compete in the ice cream making event on the 5th, and will prepare and distribute bags of popcorn on the 5th-7th. On the 16th we will have Prospective Member Night. Bring a future member of our club. There is a Road Cleanup scheduled for September 20th.

Happy Labor Day, KL Charlie

AUGUST EVENTS

SCHOOL SUPPLIES GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker at our August 5 dinner meeting was Jessica Hawkins from *Faith in Action*. She spoke of the school supplies program and did an excellent job of explaining how school children are chosen to receive donated supplies and how all of the donations are sorted to meet these children's needs. Perhaps you remember her opening quote

"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." — James 2:17



SENIOR BIRTHDAY PARTY- Aug 14

On August 14th, The Lion's Club sponsored the birthday party for seniors at the Damascus Community Recreation Center. Susan, Eloise, Vahe, and Bob helped me with the preparation and activities. The 50 seniors enjoyed games, including the Blindfolded Mystery Food game, and creating a summer themed picture frame to take home. We ended the party by serving homemade cakes, ice cream, and soda. Each senior took home a bag that included cookies and party favors. Everyone had a fun time!

Lion Sue Suddath

ICE CREAM DIPPING- August 12

It was the 76 anniversary for the Montgomery County fair this year. Lion Tammy was this year's coordinator for the ice cream barn for the entire week and she was joined by Lions Chris Fletcher and Joan Paseur who were also there every single day. Tammy could not have done it without them.

On Tuesday when Damascus Lions Club runs the booth Lion Charlie was in charge. We had 240 student volunteers and 130 lions who pulled together to serve over 800 gallons of Ice Cream. The students do most of the scooping and they receive SSL hours for their work.

It took two Saturdays at the Dairy Barn prior to opening to get it ready. We had so much great help. Thank You to all those who helped!!

On Wednesday we unloaded ice cream from the delivery truck and got the Dairy barn ready for the 1st day of the fair! Our special flavor this year was salty caramel pretzel and it was a great seller.

On Friday, August 8 the ice cream machine broke and we couldn't get anyone to fix it until Saturday morning, however once it was fixed it worked until the last day. Chocolate seemed to stop working but we still sold tons of milkshakes.

On Tuesday August 12th the Damascus Lions Club made the most money out of any other day that week AND we broke last year's record. (continued on page 3)



Lions at the Senior Birthday Party

Our Damascus Lions that came to help really stepped up and did a great job all day long. We can't thank them enough for making it all work year after year. The Leo's clubs, volunteers, partners in service did excellent work. We all worked very hard. I would like to thank Lion Tammy for overseeing the Dairy Barn and Lion Chris and Lion Joan for being there all day and all our dippers, cashiers and stockers. There are many people with all the Lions club that make this a success. There are many days of clean up after the fair that most people are not aware of. Lion Charlie, Lion Tammy and Rick went back several days to clean the barn and get it ready to close. Sales were great but we have no totals yet. Lions Tammy & Charlie Hertel
(See more pictures on page 6)



It's a Small World

While working at my church's blood drive a man wanted to take a picture with me because I was wearing a Lions shirt. He wanted to send it to his father, who is a PDG of District 324-C2 in India!

Lion Chris Fletcher



UPCOMING EVENTS

Popcorn at the Damascus Fair

Don't forget to help out at the Lions Popcorn Booth at the Damascus Community Fair from Sept 5 – 7. Remember, we give hundreds of bags of FREE popcorn to everyone in the community!

Lion Joan Paseur

Years of Service with the Damascus Lions Club

The Damascus Lions Club recognizes the following Lions who have achieved another year of service to the Damascus community.

| Lion | Join Date | Years of Service |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Mary Frances Gosnell | October 1992 | 33 |
| Sue Suddath | July 2003 | 22 |
| Joy Schwab | July 2003 | 22 |
| Warren Schwab | July 2003 | 22 |
| Tony Barry | October 2008 | 17 |
| Joe Howerton | September 2025 | 10 |
| Eloise Woodfield* | September 2021 | 5 |
| Joan Paseur | October 2022 | 3 |
| Colleen Newlin | October 2022 | 3 |
| Sushma Borra | September 2024 | 1 |

*Lion Eloise has a total of 19 years of service with a break in service from January 2014 until September 2021 when she rejoined the club.

Lion Ray Molesworth

Invitation to become a Charter Member of the Lions Club of Damascus

I found this invitation to become a Charter Member of the Damascus Lion Club in the club records that are in the storage space. I was particularly interested in the promise that the meeting times are limited to one hour and fifteen minutes including dinner. I thought it timely to include a copy of the invitation in this month's Lion's Tale prior to our Charter Night Celebration in October. The envelope is postmarked Aug 19, 1946, at a cost of 3 Cents.

Lion Ray Molesworth



DAMASCUS, MD.

You Are Invited:

This is an invitation to you to become a charter member of the Damascus Lions Club, now in the process of organization.

We invite you to stop at the Bank of Damascus to attach your signature to the charter membership roster this week. The cost is small.

The Damascus Lions Club will be chartered by Lions International, world's largest association of men's civic service clubs, and we believe Damascus will derive great benefit from active participation in this program designed to aid the orderly development of the community.

The Lions will meet for dinner (evening) twice monthly, meetings being limited to exactly one hour and fifteen minutes, including the meal and program. Meetings will start on time and STOP on time. A lively TAIL TWISTER will see to that.

We hope you will accept this invitation promptly. If you enjoy good fellowship, you will enjoy the Lions Club. Every progressive community in Montgomery County has an active Lions Club. Let's make it 100 per cent. The charter roster is in the bank for your convenience, and we'll be glad to have you as a charter member. Come and see us.

Cordially yours,

Committee:

Herbert S. Hyatt
Rev. Jacob H. Snyder
Harry V. Stipe
Bradley M. Woodfield
J. Ernest Hawkins

Herbert S. Hyatt
Herbert S. Hyatt
Temporary President

Emerson P. Slacum
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Temporary Secretary

P. S.—Our club is sponsored by the Gaithersburg Lions Club.

Time to Celebrate

September Birthdays:

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Carol Stone | 9/1 |
| Colleen Newlin | 9/10 |
| Suresh Malhotra | 9/10* |
| Andrew Oliverio | 9/14 |
| Roy Stanley | 9/19* |
| Delphine Bambous | 9/27 |
| Anthony Allen | 9/30 |

*Significant Birthday

Partners in Service

Melissa Washington (John) 9/14

September Anniversaries:

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Tony & Barbara Barry | 9/5 (38 yrs) |
| Del & Bonnie Mayhew | 9/8 (62 yrs) |
| Joe & Angie Howerton | 9/13 (19 yrs) |
| John & Melissa Washington | 9/20 (45 yrs) |

**The August Board Meeting was
cancelled**

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Upcoming Events

September 2 – Dinner meeting & Club Photo, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm *WEAR YOUR LION SHIRT!

September 5 – Blood Drive, Damascus American Legion, 10 am, for more info contact Lion Charlie Hertel at chtelco@aol.com,

September 5-7- Damascus Community Fair, DVFD Building, Ice cream churning Sept 5, 6 pm and Pop corn popping Sept 5-7. For more information contact Lion Barbara at barrybar24@gmail.com or Lion Joan at jpaseur1@verizon.net

September 10 - Board Meeting- Gladhill Brothers, 7 pm

September 16 – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC, prospective member night, 6:45 pm

September 20 – Road Cleanup, Meet at DHS parking lot at 9 am- for more info contact Lion Tony at Daniel8barry@gmail.com



Pictures from Ice Cream Dipping

