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## The President's Message



The leaves are changing to their beautiful autumn colors with the reduced daylight. The shorter days, however, didn't slowdown the Damascus Lions Club community service activities.

October started with our 80th Charter Night at Dutch's Daughter restaurant on October 7th. Lions 22-C District Governor (DG) Lois Barb attended with Leader Dog, Slade. DG Lois presented plans for increasing membership and serving communities as part of her theme "Lead the Way to Service." In addition to her presentation, we inducted a new member, Lion Irlande Heartley; and presented the LVRF Arnall Patz, MD Fellowship Award to Lion Del Mayhew, the Emerson Slacum Community Service Award to Lion Mary Frances Gosnell, the Lion of the Year Award to Lion Chris Fletcher, and the Lion of the Years Award to Lion Vahe Aghamalian.

On October 11th we held our Shred Fest event in Clarksburg. Then, on October 13th there was the 22nd Annual Golf Tournament at Glade Valley Golf Club. The next fundraiser was having dinner and listening to comedians at the "Give A Hoot Comedy Club" on October 17th. Our final event in October was White Cane Days at Damascus Safeway, October 22nd through the 24th.

November 2025 starts with the Fall Pancake Breakfast on November 1st at the Damascus UMC. There will be a Blood Drive on November 7th at the Damascus American Legion Post 171. On November 8th we help support the Tradesman MC Toy Drive at the Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter, 26430 Mullinix Mill Road. There will be a Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11th at the Damascus American Legion Post 171. On November 15th we return to Valley Park Dr for Road Cleanup. The dinner meeting on November 18th is Spouse Night.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
KL Charlie

# OCTOBER EVENTS

## 80<sup>th</sup> CHARTER NIGHT- October 7

The Damascus Lions Club celebrated 80 years of service to our community at our Annual Charter Night held at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant, October 7. Our only guest from the district was District Governor Lois Barb, and her leader dog in training.



Special Presentations were:  
Lion Del Mayhew received the LVRP Arnall Patz Award.  
Lion Mary Frances Gosnell received the Emerson Slacum Community Service Award.  
Lion of the Year was presented to Lion Chris Fletcher  
Lion of the Years was presented to Lion Vahe Aghamalian.  
DG Lois presented a positive message with encouragement to "lead the way to service". She also assisted Lion Chris with the induction of new member Irlande Heartley. Lion Ray Molesworth presented King Lion Charlie with a plaque for serving as King Lion for 3 consecutive years and for his 25 years of service to the club.



## ShredFest- October 11

Good weather, great times at our 5th Annual Clarksburg "Shred Fest" Paper Shredding and Battery Recycling Event. 9 Lions served 91 vehicles, recycled 3,820lbs of paper, collected all types of batteries for proper disposal and raised over \$850 toward our white cane drive for sight conservation! Special thanks to our partners WesBanco for sponsoring the truck, Cedarbrook Community Church for providing their parking lot, Critical Power for accepting batteries for recycling and Clean Cut Shredding for their always professional staff. Our next event will be Saturday May 2nd, 2026 at Damascus UMC.

Lion Joe Howerton



Our October 21 guest speaker, Anne Herbster from Villages

## Fall 2025 Damascus White Cane Days

Damascus Lions: Congratulations! Our Safeway storefront White Cane fundraising this Fall brought to our Club \$1,724.67, for a shift average of \$63.88. The shift average was considerably less than usual.

**Absolutely every shift was important to our total.** We had 20 dedicated Damascus Lions performing storefront collections across 27 shifts. That is the lowest number of Lions we have had in a long time, but several Lions worked multiple shifts to fill the gap. We had only 3 shifts unattended.

At our recent Clarksburg Shredfest, we collected an additional \$850.64! So our grand total was \$2,575.31! Thank you, all Storefront Lions; and thank you, Shredfest manager Joe Howerton and Shredfest donation solicitor Chris Fletcher!

As always, whenever you have a chance at Safeway, please commend Manager Dave Mott and his staff for allowing us to do our White Cane Fundraiser at their store.

Think the word: "Lion" in front of all names in this article! Special thanks go to Tom Jackson, our Wednesday Manager of the Day; and to our money counters: Del Mayhew, Tom Jackson, Susan Smarte and Lion Partner Bonnie Mayhew.

### Special Recognitions:

**Over-\$100-in-OneShift Awards** go to: Bob Snapp, Ray Molesworth (twice!), Irlande Heartly, Nanda Alipati, and Sushma Borra.

**The Burt Lahr Courage Award** goes to Irlande Heartly, Sushma Borra, and Yvette Housen; all NEW LIONS, for exhibiting very successful fundraising skills at the storefront.

### Storefront Lions:

Here is 20 Damascus Lions who gave of their valuable time for one or more storefront collection shifts (multiple shifts in parentheses): Alapati(2!), Borra, Fletcher(3!), Gladhill, Gosnell, Grysavage(2!), Heartly, Housen, Howerton, Inglefield, Ippolito(2!), Marschall, Molesworth(2!), Oliverio, Paseur(2!), Smarte, Snapp, Suddath, Washington, and Woodfield. Thank you, one and all!

Lion Wayne Marr

# LIONS TRADITIONAL AUTUMN PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancakes were flipping!  
Eggs were Scrambling!  
Potatoes and onions were favorably browning!  
Gravy was waiting for the biscuits!  
Dining Room presented welcoming place settings!  
Homemade Goodies appeared on the Bake Table!  
Lions came bright eyed and with bushy manes!  
It was the Lions Autumn Pancake Breakfast Day!

After a few days of prep work and the Hob Goblins Tricking and Treating, we served our delicious smorgasbord breakfast to approximately 172 diners; Short by about 50 from previous breakfasts. Twenty Lions, 2 Partners-in-service, 7 Leos and 3 friends of Lions purchased, prepared, donated, cooked, served and cleaned up involving approximately 230 hours. There were Lions from Olney, Sandy Spring, Laytonsville, Montgomery Central-Derwood and Mt. Airy as well as 2nd DG Cornelly McAlmont dining with us.



At this writing, funds continue to come in, therefore a profit is not available. That being said, anyone who enjoyed some breakfast treats but didn't have the opportunity to purchase a ticket, it isn't too late!



Sue, Joan and I express our gratitude to all in preparing our Autumn breakfast for our community.

Mary Frances Gosnell, Acting Chairman



## DAMASCUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHOE DRIVE

Damascus Elementary School has a Shoe Drive in progress. They are collecting any kinds/types of foot wear for communities in need, Their goal is 2500 pair. They have collected 1300 pair. They will continue collecting thru the month of November.

Collection Boxes are at Damascus Elem and Baker Middle Schools, Tom and Rays, Damascus Dental, Wesbanco and Bright Eyes.

Clean out your shoe closet and help Damascus Elementary Students reach their goal!

## Time to Celebrate

### November Birthdays:

Mary Frances Gosnell	11/4
Tess Gladhill	11/6
Dale Ryan	11/10
Tammy Hertel	11/17
Nanda Alapati	11/19

### Partners in Service

Fran Peters (Jack)	11/4
Jonnie Jackson (Tom)	11/21
Amy Alapati (Nanda)	11/21

### November Anniversaries:

Charlie & Carol Stone	11/22 (28 yrs)
Wayne & Bobbie Marr	11/30 (6 yrs)

## Upcoming Events

**December 2-** Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm

**December 10-** Board Meeting, Maryland Tractor/Gladhill Brothers, 7 pm

**December 17 - 20** – Holiday Giving Project

**December 16** – Holiday Party, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm



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# More pics from Pancake Breakfast

