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The President's Message



Fall is on the way. Cooler temperatures, blue sky, rain, and leaves changing color.

September 2025 was a very busy month. We returned to Wesley Grove UMC, September 2nd after our typical summer hiatus, for picture night. On the 5th, there was a Blood Drive at the Damascus American Legion Post 171.

Damascus Lions staffed the Damascus Community Fair Popcorn Booth September 5th-7th to distribute bags of fresh popcorn to attendees. The free popcorn continues to be a big hit with folks. Our Ice Cream Team participated in the Ice Cream Churning Contest on the 5th. The September 16th meeting was Prospective Member Night. Road Cleanup was conducted on September 20th.

October 2025 starts with our 80th Charter Night (79 Years of Service) at Dutch's Daughter restaurant on October 7th. Lions 22-C District Governor Lois Barb and several Cabinet Officers are planning to attend. On October 11th we will have our Shred Fest event in Clarksburg at the Cedarbrook Community Church. Then, on the 13th there is the 22nd Annual Golf Tournament at Glade Valley Golf Club. On Oct 17th we have a special evening scheduled at the Give a Hoot Comedy Club. Our White Cane Days will be the 22nd-24th at Damascus Safeway.

Happy Halloween,
KL Charlie

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Ice Cream Churning- Sept 5

The Damascus Lions Club did not even place this year with their extra chocolatey ice cream recipe. If you recall, it won 2nd place last year and 1st the year before and 2nd in 2022! I guess it's time for a new flavor. We had plenty of people churning and having fun and the community gets a chance to see who the Damascus Lions are!

Lion Barbara Barry



Popcorn Popping- Sept 5-9

The Damascus Lion Club's popcorn booth was, as always, a big hit at the community fair. The popcorn booth ran from Friday September 5 through Sunday September 7. Children and adults look forward to getting their free popcorn. We popped 4 ½ cases of popcorn (24 packs to a case) for a total of 108 packs. We fill about 15 bags of popcorn per pack making it a total 1,620 bags of popcorn! The Lions worked a total of 127 hours that weekend. The 14 year old popcorn machine is struggling, it burnt about 12 packs of popcorn. Maybe it is time for a new machine. We also collected 12 pairs of eyeglasses and made \$37.00 in donations.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED!

Lion Joan Paseur



Road Cleanup- Sept 20

We had a great team out on Valley Park Drive for our September Road Cleanup. We were able to collect 3 full bags! Our next road cleanup is November 15th and we're looking forward to another strong showing of Lions. I want to thank Lions Nanda Alapati, Bob Ippolito, Peter Grysavage, Ray Molesworth, and Wayne Marr. A special thanks to Peter for doing the Heavy lifting and transporting the bags to the dump!

Lion Andrew Oliverio

UPCOMING EVENTS

White Cane Days: Fall 2025

Hello, Damascus Lions. Our Fall White Cane fundraiser begins Wednesday, Oct 22 and runs for three days ending Friday, Oct 24. There are 10 two-hour shifts each day at the Damascus Safeway. Initial signups for shifts were conducted at our Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, September 16. That meeting was poorly attended and 14 of the 30 shifts are spoken for as of now. Still, 16 shifts are unassigned. For those who missed that meeting, please review the signup sheet displayed here in this Lions Tale and then please contact me by text, phone call, or email (301-237-3034 or waynemarr@aol.com) to arrange to take a shift or two.

Every two shifts bring us enough funds to provide an eye appointment and new glasses for some needy Damascus-area child or adult. Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this important fundraiser over the years.

Lion Wayne Marr

FALL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 1, for the Lions Pancake Breakfast!

Yes, It is a change of date and location from the original Activities Schedule. Damascus United Methodist Church is not available on the date we have previously indicated. - So ----

Saturday, November 1st is the date. It will be held at the Damascus United Methodist Church serving our smorgasbord of breakfast foods from 7 am to 11 am.

We encourage you to get some tickets to presell to your friends, neighbors or treat your family to a great homecooked breakfast. Mary Frances has the tickets! With the price of foods today, this will be a challenge to be successful. A good reason to get those tickets; sell them or purchase them for your family and friends. And get a flyer to promote our breakfast. Of course, the tickets are available at the door.

We will solicit your help for Friday, Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1 at the October 21st meeting. Should you not be available to attend that meeting, contact Mary Frances to let her know that you can help and what you would like to work on. Have plenty of jobs available.

We always welcome your baked goodies and crafts for our Donation Table. Our diners look forward to perusing the goodies and are very generous with their donation. So heat your oven and glue gun and let's cover the table with goodies!

Looking forward to working with all of you again to support our community service projects.

Any questions, suggestions or ideas, contact Lions Sue or Mary Frances.

HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT

It's that time of the year – Holiday Giving Time!

We have signed an Agreement with the Holiday Giving Committee to serve 25 families for the Christmas Holiday. The project will be from December 17 – 20. We will again use Maryland Virginia Tractor (Previously Gladhill's) as our base.

The Tradesmen Motorcycle Club will have a Toy Run on November 8 from 2-8 at Meridith's Good Luck Tavern in Buckeystown, this year. All the toys they collect during this event are donated to our Holiday Giving Project children. Furthermore, the members of the Club assist our delivery teams on Saturday, the 20th.

At our Holiday Meeting on December 16, we ask Lions to bring nonperishable foods (canned and boxed) for our families. Any excess foods from the project will be donated to Damascus HELP.

More info to come next month along with a Timeline. Start making plans to form a delivery team, we will plan to have 10 teams. Sign up for duties will be at the November 28 Lion Meeting.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

Time to Celebrate

October Birthdays:

Barbara Barry	10/4
Sena Dzobo	10/6
Yvette Housen	10/6
Ray Molesworth	10/8
Kim Moore	10/12
Irlande Heartley	10/15
Chris Fletcher	10/26
Charlie Stone	10/30

Partners in Service

Angie Howerton (Joe)	10/5
Craig Heartley (Irlande)	10/7
Barbara Grysavage (Peter)	10/28

November Anniversaries:

Irlande & Craig Heartley	10/5 (6 yrs)
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Upcoming Events

October 7 –6:30 pm Charter Night, Dutch's Daughter Frederick for more information contact Lions Patsy patricia.a.mckenzie@verison.net or Mary Frances mgosnelldamascuslions@gmail.com

October 11 – 9 am Shred Fest, Cedarbrook Church, Clarksburg for more information contact Lion Joe Howerton joehowertonsales@gmail.com

October 13- 7 am Golf Tournament Glade Valley CC for more information contact Lion Charlie H chtelco@aol.com

October 21 – 6:45 pm, Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm

October 22 – 24 - White Cane, Safeway Damascus for more information contact Lion Wayne waynemarr@aol.com

November 1 - 6 am Pancake Breakfast Wesley Grove UM Church

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