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## The President's Message



On February 2, 2026, at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, PA, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and per tradition, he was predicting a long winter. Well, I think he was correct, again. We had more snow, ice and cold days in February than usual. The forecast for early March 2026 shows morning temps below freezing, snow, and some daytime highs near 45 degrees F. The good news is that Daylight Saving Time occurs on Sunday March 8th.

The program for our February 3rd meeting was to recognize the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of our annual Lions Peace Poster contest. We also recognized the Most Creative and Most Detailed poster submissions. On February 6th, we had a Blood Drive at Damascus HS. The February 11th Board Meeting was held at Wesley Grove UMC. Thank you Wesley Grove UMC. Our meeting on February 17th consisted of a presentation about the "House of Hope Maryland."

We start March 2026 with special program information on LCIF, LCOF, Camp Merrick, International Convention, and Leader Dog at our March 3rd meeting. Don't miss it. There is a Blood Drive on March 6th at Damascus UMC. Our Spring Pancake Breakfast will be held at Damascus UMC on March 14th. Also on March 14th, we have the District 22-C 2nd Advisory/4th Cabinet Meeting at Greenbelt Library in Greenbelt, MD. We closeout March with our Road Cleanup on March 21st.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! KL Charlie

## House of Hope Speaker- Feb 17

Our guest speaker, Kathy Hembrecht is from The Maryland House of Hope. This is a non-profit Christian organization that envisions a community of thriving teenage girls and their families living with purpose, hope, joy and love. It provides academic support, teaches life skills, offers counseling and family support.



## MLK Day at Clarksburg HS

The Clarksburg Leo Club members participated in the MLK Day of service at CHS. They created paper plate facts about food insecurity across America. They then collaborated with the National Art Honors Society to create a mural. Due to the weeklong snow days, the mural was not constructed until Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Members and others who came participated in creating a paper plate mural. The paper plates were then placed together on one of the walls in the main hallway of the building. We are hoping students and staff will stop look and read the plate and become more aware of the hunger needs in America. It will be up through the end of the month.

Lion Kim Moore



## DAMASCUS LIONS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Damascus Lions Foundation offers two different scholarships to graduating students who reside in the Damascus/Clarksburg School Cluster. The scholarship information has been sent to the Damascus and Clarksburg High School Career Centers, Leo Advisors and is on the Damascus Lions web site.

Vernon R. Simpson Scholarship

Vernon R. Simpson was an active Damascus Lion while being Vice Principal of Damascus Lions Club. The applicant will be attending an accredited school full time. The applicant may not be a dependent of a member of the Damascus Lions Club. The Foundation will offer three \$2,000 scholarships for 2026. The scholarship will be used for tuition

Michael J. Thornett Unique Achievement Scholarship  
Michael J. Thornett was an active Damascus Lion, a teacher at Damascus High School teaching Latin and was a Guidance Counselor, a Leo Advisor for many years and in retirement, managed ThorTeams offering tutoring classes for students in need. The Scholarship is for graduating Seniors who have actively demonstrated an attempt to overcome a unique challenge during their high school years. The scholarship is for students enrolling in a junior college or technical School. The scholarship can be used to cover expenses required to continue their education. The Thornett Scholarship will offer three \$1,500 scholarships for 2026.

Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

## MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 CONVENTION

The Multiple District 22 Convention will be held May 14 -17, 2026 at the Ashore Resort and Beach Club, Ocean City, MD. The Multiple District includes all Lions Clubs in Maryland, Delaware and DC. It is a time to connect with fellow Lions, share ideas, learn about services being rendered, strengthen and renew friendships and build lasting partnerships in service. Past International President Douglas Alexander of Brooklyn NY is the Keynote speaker.

Damascus Lions can send five delegates to represent and vote for our club. Online Registration is being encouraged. Hotel rates have been negotiated by the convention committee for Lions. For more information, contact Lion Mary Frances Gosnell.

## In House Auction – April 21st

Our in-house auction is set for April 21st. We need your auction donations to make this a success! Items can be new, used, vintage or creative. They may be goods or services. Some of the popular items over the years have included: airport transportation, use of a truck, legal services, lottery tickets, fresh baked goods, jellies & jams, wine, gift cards....

Bring your donations, your spouse & your checkbook to the auction on April 21st and support the club. Proceeds from the auction bolster the club budget and help us keep our dues reasonable. Auction donation forms will be available at the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting and via email. See you there!!

### Club Officers: 2025-2026 and Nominated for 2026-2027

<u>Position</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
<b>President</b>	Charlie Stone	Nanda Alipati
<b>1st Vice Pres.</b>	Nanda Alipati	Bob Ippolito
<b>2nd Vice Pres.</b>	Bob Ippolito	Susan Smarte
<b>3rd Vice Pres.</b>	Susan Smarte	TBD
<b>Secretary</b>	Barbara Barry	Barbara Barry
<b>Asst. Secretary</b>	Ray Molesworth	Ray Molesworth
<b>Foundation Treasurer</b>	Jon Inglefield	Jon Inglefield
<b>Club Treasurer</b>	Vahe Aghamalian	TBD
<b>Tail Twister</b>	Charlie Hertel	Charlie Hertel
<b>Asst. Tail Twister</b>	Tony Barry	Tony Barry
<b>Lion Tamer</b>	Joe Howerton	Joe Howerton
<b>Asst. Lion Tamer</b>	Jack Peters	TBD
<b>Directors – 1 year</b>	Joan Passeur Sue Suddath Mary Frances Gosnell	Patricia McKenzie Tess Gladhill Wayne Marr
<b>Directors – 2 years</b>	Patricia McKenzie Tess Gladhill Wayne Marr	TBD TBD TBD
<b>Membership Chair – 1 year</b>	Chris Fletcher	Chris Fletcher
<b>Membership – 2 years</b>	Carol Stone	Carol Stone
<b>Membership – 3 years</b>	Sue Suddath	Sue Suddath
<b>Immed. Past President</b>	Charlie Stone	Charlie Stone

## Time to Celebrate

### March Birthdays:

Bobbie Marr	3/1*
Peter Grysavage	3/8
George Hibbard	3/10
Joan Paseur	3/25
Amelia Dizon	3/28*
Jack Peters	3/28
Sushma Bora	3/31

\*Significant Birthday

### Partners in Service

None

### March Anniversaries:

Jack & Frann Peters 3/30 (58 yrs)



## Upcoming Events

**March 3** - 6:45pm, Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC

**March 6** – 10 am, Blood Drive – Damascus United Methodist Church – for more information contact Lion Charlie Hertel [chtelco@aol.com](mailto:chtelco@aol.com)

**March 11** - 6:30pm, Board meeting at Gladhill/Maryland Tractor

**March 14** - 5:30am, Pancake Breakfast at DMUC for more information contact Lion Joan Paseur [jpaseur1@verizon.net](mailto:jpaseur1@verizon.net)

**March 17**- 6:45pm, Dinner meeting Wesley Grove UMC

**March 21**- 9 am. Road Cleanup – meet at DHS Parking Lot – for more information contact Lion Tony Barry [Daniel8Barry@gmail.com](mailto:Daniel8Barry@gmail.com)

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# DAMASCUS LIONS



## PANCAKE, SAUSAGE & SCRAMBLED EGG BREAKFAST BUFFET

Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, chipped beef gravy, biscuits, fried potatoes, and more.



## Saturday, March 14, 2026

Dining Room – Lower Level, 9700 New Church Street

Suggested Donation Adults \$ 15.00, Child 4-10 \$ 7.00, Under 4 Free

Tickets available at the door or ask any Lion

Bake/Craft Table

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