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## The President's Message



The amount of daylight is longer and the weather is becoming milder as we leave Old Man Winter and the cold days behind us.

The Blood Drive on March 6th at the Damascus UMC went well. Our Spring Pancake Breakfast held on

March 14th at the Damascus UMC was a big success. The Prospective Member Night on March 17th introduced three individuals willing to help serve the community. We finished the month with a Road Cleanup on March 21st.

April 2026 starts with our meeting on April 7th having Lion Wayne Marr discuss the Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF). In addition, we will vote to confirm our Slate of Officers for the Lions Year 2026-2027. On April 11th, we have the District 22-C Night at the Jaycees Community Center in Waldorf, MD. Our meeting on April 21st will be our in-house auction. Bring your goodies to help support the club.

Looking forward, the Damascus Lions are planning for a very busy May 2026.

Happy Spring!  
KL Charlie

## MARCH EVENTS

### Dinner Meeting Speakers March 3



At our March 3 dinner meeting we had several speakers from the District educate us on a broad range of Lions International and District initiatives. Lion Rich Barb spoke about LCOF & LVRC. Lion Kelly Randolph spoke about LCIF and Legacy Giving. Lion Charlie Spadone spoke about Camp Merrick and Lion Lois Barb spoke about Leader dog.

### Blood Drive-March 6

The Damascus Lions Club hosted their fifth blood drive for year 2025-2026 on Friday March 6th, 2026 at the Damascus United Methodist Church. I would like to thank our Lions who volunteered, Lion Chris Fletcher and Lion Joan Paseur for always supporting the ARC blood program in Damascus. Go Lions!! They help set up the hall along with the ARC team members. They work the canteen to make sure all blood donors are feeling well enough to drive away. They schedule the donors for our next drive. They cleanup the hall and get the ARC out and on their way!! Lion Chris sets up the banner for every drive for exposure of our club. Also please note than Lion Joan was able to donate a pint of blood:) Thank You Very Much!! We collected 47 units of blood for the American Red Cross at Damascus United Methodist Church.

Our next ARC Blood Drive for 2025-2026 year will be Friday May 1st, 2026. This drive will be at the Damascus United Methodist Church. This will be our last blood drive for 2025-2026 year.

\*These are the next confirmed blood drives for 2026-2027.

Friday July 10th, 2026 American Legion Post 171

Friday September 4th, 2026 American Legion Post 171

Friday November 6th, 2026 American Legion Post 171

Lion Charlie Hertel

### Pancake Breakfast- March 14

The Damascus Lions Club had another very successful Pancake Breakfast on March 14th, 2026. We had a great turn out of customers and workers. There were 12 Leos from Damascus & Clarksburg High schools who worked in the dining room. It is great seeing members from other Lions Clubs including Monocacy Lions, Rockville Lions, Montgomery Central/Derwood Lions, Sandy Spring Lions and Laytonsville Lions. Our friend and local realtor Maria was there. It looks like we made a profit of \$2,616.20 after all of the expense's including the purchase of a new banner. We want to THANK everyone who volunteered their time to help and we look forward to are next one.

Thank you all again!  
Lions Joan & Sue



Our Leo Club Workers!

## Road Cleanup- March 21

On Saturday March 21, seven Lions performed a road cleanup of our adopted road, Valley Park Drive. Lions Bob, Joe & Charlie started the clean up on Valley Park at the Route 27 side (the messy, hilly, grassy side). Lion Ray cleaned both sides of the piece of Valley Park starting from Route 124 and Lion Peter cleaned the side where the homes are. I want to thank the following: Lion Bob Ippolito, Lion Charlie Heretel, Lion Peter Grysavage, Lion Ray Molesworth, Lion Joe Howerson and Lion Barbara Barry.

Lion Tony Barry



## DAMASCUS LIONS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Damascus Lions Foundation offers two different scholarships to graduating students who reside in the Damascus/Clarksburg School Cluster. The Vernon R. Simpson Scholarship and the Michael J. Thornett Unique Achievement Scholarship. 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. The Scholarship application packages are due by April 10.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### In House Auction- April 21

Our annual In house Auction will be on April 21 during our dinner meeting. Funds raised from this event go to support our club account. Please email Lion Tammy with your list of donations ASAP.

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Popular items are: Homemade jams/ Jellies, cakes, and fudge, bottles of wine and gift cards. Services such as trips to the Airport or use of a truck for a day are also popular. Tickets to sporting events sell well. With out this fundraiser, our dues will have to increase significantly.

Thank you

Lion Barbara Barry

## Sight and Hearing Days (formerly "White Cane Days") Spring 2026

Hello, Damascus Lions. Many Lions Clubs have dropped the name "White Cane Days" and substituted "Vision Days" or the like. I think it's time we made a name change ourselves. Especially since we are running out of White Canes and we are not ordering more. Because we have a Committee called "Sight and Hearing Conservation", how about we rename our old White Cane Days: Sight and Hearing Days?

And here's another change! Because Lion Del Mayhew has been under the weather of late, Lion John Washington has volunteered to take Del's place on the Sight and Hearing Fundraiser Committee, joining Tom Jackson and me. Each of the three of us will take one day managing the Fundraiser at Safeway: Tom on Wednesday, John on Thursday, and me on Friday.

Our Spring Sight and Hearing Days fundraiser begins Wednesday, April 22 and runs for three days ending Friday, April 24. There are 10 two-hour shifts each day at the Damascus Safeway. Because I was in Florida at our last March meeting, initial signups for shifts have not yet taken place. Therefore, in this Lions Tale, you will find a COMPLETELY BLANK Signup Sheet. Please don't wait! Sign up now by contacting me and telling me which shift(s) you would like to take. I'll get back to you and confirm. If more than one Lion desires a particular shift, I'll get back to you and work that out. Contact me by text, phone call (301-237-3034) or email ([waynemarr@aol.com](mailto:waynemarr@aol.com)).

Every two shifts bring us enough funds to provide an eye appointment and new glasses for some needy Damascus-area child or adult. Every 3 shifts allows us to provide hearing aids to some deserving person. There are 30 shifts and we hardly have 30 active Lions now. You do the math; we need every able-bodied Lion to participate in this fundraiser. We will need

several Lions to handle two shifts. Thank you, all Damascus Lions, for your help with this important fundraiser over the years.

Lion Wayne Marr

## **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.

Registration is due by April 14. I would like to send all the registration form in together so that our members will be seated together for the banquet. Should you plan to attend, please let me know by April 5 and we will work out the registration to our advantage. 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.  
Lion Mary Frances Gosnell

## **Years of Service Recognition**

March and April 2026

These lions are celebrating another year of community service. Lion Bob Snapp leads our active Lions with 56 years of service followed by Lion Tom Jackson with 39 years and our Secretary Lion Barbara Barry with 23 years. The below listed Lions have a combined total of 316 years of service. Please congratulate these Lions at the next Lions Club meeting.

Lion	Join Date	Years of Service	Lion	Join Date	Years of Service
Bob Snapp	March 1970	56	Ben Lewis	April 2005	21
Barbara Barry	March 2003	23	George Hibbard	April 2006	22
Patsy McKenzie	March 2008	18	Jennifer Cano	April 2000	18
Rick Kendall	March 2009	17	Bob Williams	April 2008	18
Tom Jackson	April 1987	39	Julie Sain	April 2011	15
Tony Allen	April 1998	28	Vahe Aghamalian	April 2018	8
Dale Ryan	April 2000	26	Anthony Olivero	April 2024	2
Charlie Holpuch	April 2002	24	Yvette Housen	April 2025	1

Lion Ray Molesworth

## Time to Celebrate

### April Birthdays:

Jon Inglefield	4/12*
Tom Jackson	4/18*
John Ampiah-Addison	4/24

\*Significant Birthday

### Partners in Service

Jennifer Molesworth (Ray)	4/11
Cathy Hyman (Rob)	4/30

### April Anniversaries:

Bob & Joanne Breiner	4/25 (39 yrs)
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## Upcoming Events

**April 7** – 6:45pm, Dinner meeting at Wesley Grove UMC – vote on the Slate of Officers for 2026-27

**April 11** – 5:30 pm, 22C Night – Jaycees Community Center, Waldorf MD- for more information contact Lion Vahe Aghamalian [vaghamalian@aol.com](mailto:vaghamalian@aol.com)

**April 15** – 7:00 pm Board meeting at Maryland/Gladhill Tractor

**April 21**– 6:45pm, Dinner meeting & In House Auction at Wesley Grove UMC for more information contact Lion Tammy Hertel at [Tammy\\_Hertel@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tammy_Hertel@mcpsmd.org)

**April 22 -24-** White Cane Safeway Damascus, for more information contact Lion Wayne [waynemarr@aol.com](mailto:waynemarr@aol.com).

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