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The President's Message



As summer vacation comes to an end and schools reopen, the Damascus Lions can take pride in all the school supplies donated to Faith in Action at our August 4 dinner meeting. Read more about this in the article by Lions Susan and Irlande, who headed up the effort. August, of course, is also the month of the

Montgomery County Fair in which our club plays a central role in running the Ice Cream Barn. Kudos to Lions Charlie and Tammy Hertel for their tireless service in ensuring the success this event. At the August 15 District 22-C 1st Advisory/Cabinet Meeting, the Damascus Lions club was one of two clubs recognized for the District's Excellence Award. Go Team. September starts our event-filled fall season. Tuesday, September 1 is picture day and our first Wesley Grove dinner meeting of the year. Don your lions gear and bring a smile. That Friday we host a blood drive at the Damascus American Legion and the following weekend is the Damascus Community Fair – sign up to distribute popcorn and be sure to support our ice cream churning team on Friday the 11th. As we all know, growing our ranks is important for our future; bring a friend or neighbor to prospective members night on the 15th so they can learn about us and observe our camaraderie. Perhaps, you can even convince them to help us do road clean-up the following Saturday, the 19th. And in addition to thinking about new members, we also need to think about new projects, services, events, etc. that can serve the community. November is National Diabetes month. Let's put our heads together and see what we might be able to do for this LCIF priority. All ideas will be entertained. Cheers. KL Nanda

AUGUST EVENTS

Damascus Lions Club wins the District 22-C Governor's Excellence Award

At the August's District Advisory meeting PDG Lois Barb awarded 2 clubs with the District 22-C Governor's Excellence Award! PDG Lois commented that the way to actually receive this award is to complete all of the requirements AND notify cabinet members of our eligibility to receive this award. (See picture to the right)



Faith in Action School Supply Drive a Great Success

Our annual project supporting the Faith in Action School Supply Drive was once again a great success! This year, club members were offered an additional way to participate by contributing toward a bulk purchase of school supplies. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we collected \$373, which, combined with the club's budget of \$200, provided a total of \$573 for the purchase of much-needed supplies. Through the bulk purchase, we were able to provide:

- 48 solid-color, 17-inch backpacks
- 24 one-inch durable D-ring binders
- 24 two-inch white slant D-ring binders
- 48 solid-color zippered pencil cases
- 60 wide-ruled composition books
- 60 two-pocket paper folders
- 48 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 200 dividers
- 210 sharpened No. 2 HB wooden pencils

We sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the bulk purchase, as well as those who purchased and donated school supplies individually. Your generosity helped provide local students with the tools they need to begin the school year prepared and ready to learn. We are grateful for the club's continued support of this important annual project and look forward to making next year's school supply drive an even greater success!

Project Co-Chairs: Lion Susan and Lion Irlande



SENIOR BIRTHDAY PARTY- Aug 13

On August 13th, Ray, Wayne, Joan, Eloise, Mary Frances and I entertained approximately 30 seniors at the community center. We celebrated those who had August birthdays and enjoyed lots of games and a craft. Cake, ice cream and drinks were served and everyone got a party bag to take home.

Lion Sue Suddath

Ice Cream Dipping 2026 at the 77th Montgomery County Fair

It was the 77 Anniversary for the Montgomery County fair this year. Our flavor of the year was Caramel Caribou and we also added Coffee Ice Cream. They both were great sellers. We sold out of almost all ice cream and the last day we only 2 containers of wild mountain berry left.

Lion Tammy was this year's coordinator for the Ice cream barn all week. Lion Charlie and Lion Tammy were out of town the first 3 days. Lion Chris Fletcher and Lion Joan Paseur took the lead those 3 days and worked every single day! Tammy could not have done it without them. On Tuesday the Damascus Lions Club ran the booth with Lion Charlie in charge.

The weather was good, but a few evenings of rain made the fair slower than normal.

We had about 150 student volunteers that received SSL hours and 90 lions pulled together to serve over 700 gallons of Ice Cream.

We 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 morning Lion Tony, Lion Barbara and Lion Joe unloaded the ice cream from the delivery truck and got the Ice Cream barn ready for the 1st day of the fair. On Tuesday the Damascus Lions Club made the most money out of any other day AND we broke last year's record.

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 Damascus the best day- year after year. I do not want to miss anyone's name so I want to thank all those members that helped. We could not have done it without you. We did over \$21,000.00 of business on Tuesday. What a day! 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.

Once the scooping is done, we are still not finished. We have many days of clean up after the fair. Lion Charlie, Lion Tammy and Rick went back several days to clean the barn and get it ready to close.

No totals yet.

Lion Charlie Hertel



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 11-13. Remember, we give hundreds of bags of FREE popcorn to everyone in the community! Lion Joan Paseur

Fall Sight and Hearing Days

Our Fall Sight and Hearing Days (formerly White Cane Days) are coming up next month: Wednesday Oct 14 thru Friday Oct 16, to be precise. There are 10 two-hour shifts each day at the Damascus Safeway; for a total of 30 shifts. I will be absent for the next 3 upcoming Lions meetings, due to the fact that oftentimes I'm not in charge of my own calendar. Which means I won't be there to twist arms and take names for manning shifts. Therefore, in this Lions Tale on page 6, you will find a COMPLETELY BLANK Signup Sheet. Please review the signup sheet NOW and then contact me and tell 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).

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 allow us to provide hearing aids to some deserving person. 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

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament



On August 29 Lions Barbara & Tony Barry attended the Terra Rubra Lions Club Texas Hold'em Poker tournament. This event was a fundraiser for the 2027 International Convention. Besides poker, they sold food and had a 50/50. It was a fun event and hopefully raised some money for a good cause.

Time to Celebrate

September Birthdays:

Carol Stone	9/1
Suresh Malhotra	9/10
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 (39 yrs)
Del & Bonnie Mayhew	9/8 (64 yrs)
Joe & Angie Howerton	9/13 (20 yrs)
John & Melissa Washington	9/20 (46 yrs)

**The August Board Meeting was
cancelled**

Lion Tom Jackson

Lion Tom has lost all hearing in his right ear. His left ear was less than 20 percent hearing. He can not communicate with anyone, even using a speech to text app. Therefore, he cannot carry out the responsibilities of the positions he holds in the club, including director and chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. He submitted his resignation from all positions. However, he is NOT resigning from the club.

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Upcoming Events

September 1 – Dinner meeting & Club Photo, Wesley Grove UMC, 6:45 pm *WEAR YOUR LION SHIRT!

September 4 – Blood Drive, Damascus American Legion, 10 am, for more info contact Lion Charlie Hertel at chtelco@aol.com.

September 9 - Board Meeting- 9916 Main St, 7 pm

September 11-13- Damascus Community Fair, DVFD Building, Ice cream churning Sept 11, 6 pm and Pop corn popping Sept 11-13. For more information contact Lion Barbara at barrybar24@gmail.com or Lion Joan at jpaseur1@verizon.net

September 15 – Dinner meeting, Wesley Grove UMC, prospective member night, 6:45 pm

September 19 – Road Cleanup, Meet at DHS parking lot at 9 am- for more info contact Lion Tony at Daniel8barry@gmail.com

*Charter Night will be the 3rd Tuesday in October, the 20th at Dutch's Daughter



Pictures from Ice Cream Dipping



Helen Mahylis visited ice cream!



Lion Eloise and her daughter Alethia enjoying some ice cream



We were SO busy on Tuesday!

Fall 2026 Damascus Lions Club Sight & Hearing Days!

Day	Shift Time	Location	Lion(s)
Wednesday Oct 14 Manager: Wayne Marr	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway East	
	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway West	
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	
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	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	
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Thursday Oct 15 Manager: Tom Jackson	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway East	
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Friday Oct 16 Manager:	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway East	
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John Washington	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	

Thank you! Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!