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The President's Message

The past month of September saw us Lions staff a blood drive and clean up litter on Valley Park Drive. We also were a presence at the Damascus Community Fair, handing out 1800+ bags of



popcorn (kudos to Lion Joan and Sue for being there almost every minute) and taking 2nd place in ice cream churning with Lion's Barb's yummy chocolate recipe. October will be a busy month for us. We start with a Shred Fest on the 10th, followed by the golf

tournament on the 12th (ask Lions Tammy and Charlie how you might help), White Cane days at Safeway the 14th – 16th (sign up if you haven't already done so), Charter Night on the 20th (get your \$40 to Lion Patsy) and Pancake Breakfast on the 24th (check with Lion Joan to volunteer).

The 2027 Lions International Convention will be held in Washington DC July 2 – 6, 2027 with a pre-conference institute held June 29 -July 2. As a local Lions club, we are expected to provide volunteers. I have reached out a volunteer coordinator to see whether DLC members can serve as a team on one or more specific days, at a common location, preferably seated at a desk, for a set number of hours. This would enable DLC volunteers to carpool together and serve together on a common mission or task. Stay tuned for further information.

KL Nanda

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Ice Cream Churning- Sept 11

The Damascus Lions Club won another red ribbon, 2nd place, with their extra chocolatey ice cream recipe. Some years we win 1st or 2nd, last year we won nothing! The chocolate is easy to make and has the best consistency. It could be scooped and served on a cone! 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 11-13

The Damascus Fair was very successful this year. It ran from September 11 – 13. The Damascus Lion's popcorn booth had people waiting in line before we even had our first batch of popcorn popped! The new popcorn machine worked GREAT! Out of 6 boxes containing 24 packs, we used 132 packs of popcorn and had 12 packs left.



We filled 1,838 bags and had only 137 bags left! We had 6 potential members sign up, 8 pairs of eyeglasses donated and \$81.55 in cash donations. I want to **THANK** all the lions who

helped us serve over 96 hours.

Thank You to all!

Lion Joan Passeur



Blood Drive

The Damascus Lions Club hosted their second blood drive for year 2025-2026 on Friday September 4th, at the Damascus American Legion Hall.

I was not able to attend this drive and would like to thank our Lion volunteers Lion Chris Fletcher and Lion Joan Passeur for always supporting the ARC blood program in Damascus. They help set up the hall along with the ARC team members chairs, tables, cooler and whatever is needed. They work the canteen to make sure all blood donors are feeling well enough to drive away. They also schedule the donors for our next drive and they cleanup the hall and get the ARC out in an expeditious way. Lion Chris carries the banner in her car, and we set it up for every drive for exposure. Again, another shout out and a big THANK YOU to these two extraordinary Charlie's Angel's!!

We collected 34 units of blood for the American Red Cross at Damascus American Legion Hall. We had 41 people presented, 9 were first time donors.

Our next ARC Blood Drive for 2026-2027 year will be Friday November 6th, 2026. This drive will be at the Damascus American Legion Post 171. This will be our third blood drive for 2026-2027 year. We are in need of new donors please ask a relative, friend or neighbors!!

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

Friday November 6th, 2026 - American Legion Post 171

Friday January 8th, 2027 - Damascus United Methodist Church

Friday March 5th, 2027- Damascus United Methodist Church

Friday May 7th, 2027 - American Legion Post 171
Lion Charlie Hertel

Annual Grandparents Day Program at the 80th Damascus Community Fair

The 27th Grandparents Day Program was a Birthday Celebration. Games are played and local businesses donate gift certificates. Lion Eloise Woodfield, Lion Tess Gladhill and Jackie Grantham head up this event each year with a different theme. Special gifts are given by Tess keeping up the tradition since the beginning in Memory of her grandfather, Lion Buck

Gladhill. Lion Eloise donates a door prize each year in Memory of her late husband, Lion Thomas (Tucky) Woodfield.

This annual event is always a joyful time with laughter and fun. Come next year and be part of this program and see what's next, Happy Grandparents' Day.

Lion Eloise Woodfield



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 21st and we're looking forward to another strong showing of Lions. I want to thank Lions Bob Ippolito, Barbara Barry, Peter Grysavege, Ray Molesworth, new member Miguel Ventura and his brother Israel.

Lion Tony Barry



UPCOMING EVENTS

White Cane Days: Fall 2026

Our Fall 2026 Sight and Hearing Fundraiser takes place at Damascus Safeway during the three days of Wednesday, October 14 through Friday, October 16.

The current signup sheet is presented here in this Lions Tale. Check it out!

If you have already signed up, find yourself on the sheet and be reminded of your shift(s). HELP! We still have eight unassigned shifts! IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SIGNED UP, PLEASE DO SO RIGHT NOW! Pick an empty shift or shifts from the signup sheet and contact me. Phone or text: 301-237-3034.

Email: waynemarr@aol.com. I will not be at our next dinner meeting; still doing a lot of Fall travelling. But I will see you at Safeway! This fundraiser needs every able-bodied Lion to participate. Please be on time for your shift(s) and please wear at least one article of clothing identifying you as a Lion. (If you don't have one, your Manager of the Day will loan you one). See you there!

Lion Wayne Marr

A Time to Remember

Sadly, the Damascus Lions lost two members recently, Lion Julie Sain and Lion Mary Frances Gosnell. Each one was an important asset to our club.

Lion Mary Frances was not just a Lion but a very dear friend of mine. We shared many experiences at Lion club functions, dinner dates, and visited with family and friends together.

Mary Frances worked on many projects. She not only headed up Lions activities but also events in the community. She will be remembered for her friendship, leadership and her generosity to give back.

I will miss her not just as a Lion but as a person who enjoyed life to the fullest.

Prayers to the families of these two Lions.

Lion Eloise Woodfield



A Great Story from one of our Newer Lions

When I came to America at 23 years old in 2006, I never imagined how much life would teach me. I went through many challenges, learned from my experiences, and continued to grow into the person I am today. For the past three years, being a member of the Lions Club has been a meaningful part of my journey. I have truly enjoyed participating in the activities and community services that help and support others. Last month, I was deeply touched by the loss of Lion Mary Frances, a wonderful and dedicated member of our community. She was an important lady and a beautiful example of someone who devoted her time and heart to serving others.

After 20 years in America, as I continue to grow and move forward in life, I will carry her example with me. I hope to continue serving my community with the same dedication, kindness, and commitment that she demonstrated.

Thank you – Lion Delphine Bambous

Visitation Report: Olney Lions Club

Lion Bobbie and I visited the dinner meeting of the Olney Lions Club on Tuesday, September 8. They had invited us there to hear me speak about the Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF). This club meets once a month on the 2nd Tuesday at the “Outta the Rabbit Hole”, which is a separate dining area associated with the Derwood restaurant “Outta the Way Cafe”.

Like us, they had around 25 members at the meeting. They sat around about six large round tables. Bobbie and I were seated at the Queen Lion’s table. The restaurant served a nice buffet dinner; no soup. The round tables made for a very friendly atmosphere. There was no invocation or benediction. In addition to the usual meeting song, pledge and toast, they sang the Lions Roar song and they really belted it out. Like us, they had a 50/50. The winner gave me his winnings for LVRF. Altogether, this was a very pleasant experience for Lion Bobbie and me.

Lion Wayne Marr

Support another club!

Rockville Lions Train Days

The Rockville Lions Club will be hosting their annual Model Train Show on November 7th and 8th at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville. Bring the kids and grandkids for a fun day learning about trains. There will be raffles, souvenirs and food.

More Pictures from September

Silly Lions !



Ice Cream Churning



*Road
Clean
up*

Popcorn in action!



Time to Celebrate

October Birthdays:

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



*Significant Birthday

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 (7 yrs)
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Upcoming Events

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

October 10 – 9 am Shred Fest, Cedarbrook Church, Clarksburg for more information contact Lion Joe Howerton joehowertonsales@gmail.com

October 12- 7 am Golf Tournament Glade Valley CC for more information contact Lion Charlie H chtelco@aol.com

October 14 – 7 pm Board Meeting 9916 Main Street

October 14 - 16 - White Cane, Safeway Damascus for more information contact Lion Wayne waynemarr@aol.com

October 20 –6:30 pm Charter Night, Dutch's Daughter Frederick for more information contact Lions Patsy patricia.a.mckenzie@verison.net

October 24 - 6 am Pancake Breakfast Damascus Methodist United Church

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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	Peter Grysavage
	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway West	Susan Smarte
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	Joan Paseur
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	Bob Ippolito
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Eloise Woodfield
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Joe Howerton
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	Chris Fletcher
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	Ken Mackay
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	Tammy Hertel
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Hertel
Thursday Oct 15 Manager: Tom Jackson	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway East	Peter Grysavage
	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway West	Bob Ippolito
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	Joan Paseur
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	Tessie Gladhill
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Nanda Apalati
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Sue Suddath
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	
Friday Oct 16 Manager: John Washington	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway East	Bob Snapp
	10:00am – 12:00pm	Safeway West	Charlie Holpuch
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway East	
	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Safeway West	Chris Fletcher
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway East	Nanda Apalati
	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Safeway West	Irma Montero
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway East	
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Safeway West	

	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway East	
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Safeway West	John Inglefield

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