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## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

June Presidents message:

May was an awesome month to be a Webster Lion. We netted over six grand at our May BBQ and were blessed to award 11 deserving recipients with one thousand dollar scholarships. Thanks to all the Lions that helped to make all this possible. Let's pray for good weather for our June BBQ/blood drive to be successful. By the time you get your next newsletter, Community Days will be behind us. I hope everyone has a work schedule for the celebration, along with all your family and friends. This is a giant event, and everyone should be proud to be a part of it. I am so proud to hold this position in this club, with all the participation over the years to make us successful. Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM). Let's have fun as we fulfill our motto: "We cook and Serve". Yours in Lionism.

Lion President Scott

Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love

Martin Luther King

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 28<sup>th</sup> General meeting @ the Barn (Hearth Room) 6:30pm

July 1-4<sup>th</sup> Community Days Carnival Glendale and Elm

July 12<sup>th</sup> Business meeting/board meeting @ the Barn (Hearth Room) 6:30pm

July 26<sup>th</sup> General meeting @the Barn (Hearth Room) 6:30pm

August 25<sup>th</sup> Wine Tasting @ Old Orchard Gallery

## Feature Lion of the Month!

### Who's Who

My name is Becky Mitchell  
I'm divorced and took back my  
maiden name.

I have 2 daughters, Heather is 35  
& Meghann is 27. And 3  
grandkids: Anna, Emma &  
Nathan.

I live in Spanish Lake. I was born  
& raised there and now own a  
house just a few blocks from my  
childhood home.

I have 2 female cats: Puppet &  
Sasha.

I was raised Missionary Baptist,  
then took Catholic RCIA classes  
as an adult. But I'm not currently  
a member of any church.

As a child I imagined I would  
grow up to be a country music  
singer, then as a young adult I  
dreamed of being a teacher.

Hmm, something no one knows  
about me... my greatest paranoid  
fear is being trapped underwater  
in a car. Eeeekkkk!

Talents: I'm good at spelling.

In my free time I enjoy traveling,  
crocheting, reading, geocaching,  
camping, hiking, nature study  
and shooting. I also enjoy being a  
volunteer reader at Minds Eye.

Favorite food: Linguine Tutto  
Mare

Fave movie: "Now Voyager" with  
Bette Davis

Fave TV show: Big Bang Theory  
Fave music: anything by George  
Gershwin; or any 1940's Big  
Band.

The best thing I like about my job  
is that I finally have one! I was  
laid off more than a year ago and  
finally found an awesome job that  
I just started on May 7.

I like being a Lion because it is a  
way to give back to our  
community. I like the fellowship &  
friendship with all of my fellow  
Lions. Going to meetings &  
events gives me fun activities that  
keep me active.

I became a Lion because my best

friend Vicci Turner is a member  
and she told me how much she  
enjoyed it. And I was  
unemployed and looking for a  
way to stay connected with  
others.

Thank you Lion Becky for  
sharing your life with us.

### Blood Drive

**I** am excited to report to the  
club that our blood drive was  
very successful. As always my  
fellow lions came out in force  
to promote and donate to the  
blood drive. For the last five  
years the Red Cross has  
worked with the WG Lions to  
create a blood drive on our  
area. It has been held over the  
Fourth of July event for the  
first couple of years with  
moderate success. It was then  
moved to our Sappington  
Farmers Market monthly BBQ  
with the hopes of even a better  
turn out of donors. The Lions  
also hoped that having it at a  
two day event would possibly  
draw more customers to the  
BBQ.

We found that the month of  
August was not working for us  
because of low donor turn out.  
The reason for that was the  
timing. We held it just after the  
KSHE blood drive which is  
one of the largest in the area.  
At that time we decided to try  
June before the big blood drive  
by KSHE. The Red Cross was  
willing to work with us in the  
attempt to find a good fit for a  
successful blood drive.

With our blood drive reaching  
its quota and then surpassing it

since the change to June. The  
Red Cross is really happy to be  
working with the WG Lions.

Having a very successful  
BBQ in conjunction with a  
great blood drive is amazing.  
That just put that of being a  
Lion over the top. Making it  
the best weekend ever. Thanks  
to everyone for everything you  
do as Lions.

Lion mike Swederska Sr.

Here is one of the Thank you  
notes from the Red Cross  
verbatim.

Thank you for coordinating the  
June 8<sup>th</sup> blood drive at the WG  
lions. The Red Cross could not  
collect the blood products  
patients need without generous  
volunteer blood donors. Your  
blood drive produced 25 pints  
of blood. Because each  
donation has the potential to  
help save up to three lives you  
can feel good knowing that  
your drive helped 75 patients.  
Thank you again for  
supporting the Red Cross  
blood program. I look forward  
to working with you in the  
future.

Sincerely Kim Bussen  
American Red Cross Donor  
Recruitment Representative.

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Got News or Tips  
Get it to Lion Teddi  
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Or call 314-724-3721

**L**ions Night at the Races  
We had 36 on the bus; we all  
had a great time. Looking  
forward to doing it again next  
year.

## June Birthday's

Ryan Whittington 6/1  
Denise Yost 6/25  
Mike Swederska 6/25  
Bill Wood 6/28  
Sharon Christ 6/28  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!

### From our Tail Twister

**A**s always you should wear your Lions gear, a shirt, hat, name tag, or a pin will do. The tail twister will fine you if you don't.

**T**he July 4<sup>th</sup> Community Days is fast approaching and your Carnival chairs will be looking for your help. We are looking forward to a great Carnival it will take all of us working together as a team to make it a success. Remember our Motto "We Serve".



### SUMMER SUN SAFTETY

**W**ith the weather getting hotter every day, there is no doubt that summer is here to stay. Summer can be a great time for relaxing with family but it can also be dangerous if you don't take proper action. Your body works hard every day to maintain a normal temperature. Excessive heat forces your body to work

harder than normal, which often causes heat-related illness.

Here are some of the easiest ways to stay safe from the heat of summer:

\*Drink plenty of water to keep hydrated.

\*Protect your skin use sunblock.

\*Limit strenuous activity and exercise.

\*Take frequent breaks to cool down.

\*Check on your friends and family.

Following a few simple tips can help keep us all safe and ensure a great summer.

### New Member

**W**e would like to welcome Gary Parks from Marshall's Auto Repair to the Webster Groves Lions. His sponsor is Randy Johnson. When you see him welcome him with a big smile and a "HELLO".

### Joke of the Month

A plane is on its way to Chicago when a blonde in economy class gets up and moves to the first class section and sits down.

The flight attendant watches her do this, and asks to see her ticket.

She then tells the blonde that she paid for economy class, and that she will have to sit in the back.

The blonde replies, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Chicago and I'm staying right here."

The flight attendant goes into the cockpit and tell the pilot and the copilot that there is a Blonde Bimbo sitting in first class, that belongs in

economy, and won't move back to her seat.

The co-pilot goes back to the blonde and tries to explain that because she only paid for economy she will have to leave and return to her seat.

The Blonde replies, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Chicago and I'm staying right here."

The co-pilot tells the pilot that he probably should have the police waiting when they land to arrest the blonde women, who won't listen to reason.

The pilot says, "you say she is a blonde? I'll handle this, I'm married to a blonde. I speak blonde."

He goes back to the blonde and whispers in her ear, and she says, "oh I'm sorry." And gets up and goes back to her seat in economy.

The flight attendant and co-pilot are amazed and asked him what he said to make her move without a fuss.

"I told her, first class isn't going to Chicago."

### *A Smile*

by Anonymous

Smiling is infectious,  
You catch it like the flu,  
When someone smiled at  
me today,  
I started smiling too.

I passed around the  
corner,  
And someone saw my  
grin,  
When he smiled I  
realized,  
I'd passed it on to him.

