

Webster Groves Lions Newsletter

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Celebrating our 92nd Anniversary
2017

President Lion Rob Halama



President's Message

Fellow LIONS,

Spring has sprung, Summer has sizzled, Fall did fall, and we are now getting ready for a cold and snowy Winter Wonderland.

It may not look like it, or feel like it, but it's coming.

Or so they tell me.

Our Club is going in to our "slow" period of the year. BBQs are over until March. Carnival is over (whew). No Bausch & Lomb for a few months. No Easter Egg Hunt for a while. Beer Tasting, Make a Difference Day, Firehouse Open House, and WG Baseball Opening Day, all have come and gone. Even Peace Posters have past.

So, what's a Lion to do?

Although our season of working our derrieres off is pretty much in the rear view mirror, those in need are still in their season of need. We will still be collecting canned goods at every meeting for Webster Rock Hill Ministries, we will be putting together Thanksgiving Dinners for families in need, and Christmas Boxes full of goodies for children.

But, no matter what we do, there always seems to be a need for more.

I sit in my warm, comfy home and I may complain (just a bit) about my aches and pains. I may wish I could go out and get a new truck. But there are folks out there who have nothing, or almost nothing, and they could really use our help. And there are folks out there who lay their lives on the line for us. Our military, both past and present, our police, and our fire fighters all need our support.

Yes, the work we do raises a *lot* of money. And we have given it organizations to help many, many people. It may seem like a lot is asked of us, and it is, so I am not asking you



Wishing you Happy
Holidays and a healthy &
prosperous 2017!

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Our Motto
"We Serve"

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Groves
Lions
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all to go out and donate any more time to volunteer (won't say *don't* though either).

I would ask you to keep these folks in need in mind as you go about your way. There will be red buckets strewn about businesses in the area, collecting money. Please drop a buck or two in as you pass. I am sure that there will be ample opportunities, multiple groups out there collecting all sorts of things like food, clothing, and toys this holiday season.

Please continue to keep others in mind and help whenever, and wherever, you can.

After all, we are LIONS.

It's what we do.

Hope you all have something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. Spread the feeling.

Thank you for listening.

President Lion Rob

RSVP FOR DINNER

We have been spending more on meeting meals than we are bringing in. This is the result of not knowing who will show up.

Your meeting notification email has included a statement that you must RSVP for your meal to ensure sufficient food without wastage.

Please RSVP to Lion Teddi at speeler36@hotmail.com

Officers

President – Lion Rob Halama
 IPP - Lion Teddi Speeler
 1st Vice Pres. – Lion John Gregory
 2nd Vice Pres. – Lion Sandy Halama
 3rd Vice Pres. – Lion Becky Speeler
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 Treasurer – Lion Norma Belcher
 Tail Twister – Lion Sharon Christ
 Lion Tamer – Lion Fred Yoder

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Helen Keller Circa 1897

Much of what Lions do is not conspicuous, grandiose, or "out there". But rest assured, there is much going on. Many individuals, including officers, are hard at work to make this club a success.

I would like to make this a feature every month, so all you current and past presidents, please resurrect your records and send in why you selected an individual for Lion of the Month, and you Officers please do an article on what you really do, not what LCI thinks you do.

LIONS of the Month

Our club awards a "Lion of the Month" award to the individual(s), who go out of their way to serve. This award is not necessarily awarded every month.

To start with, Lion Mike Swederska submitted this. It is his original manuscript from his tenure as President, for the award. It has not been edited at all.

"I was just reflecting the other day about a fellow Lion. I hope that I will get the pleasure to serve the amount of years as a Lion that this Lion has already served. It is kind of funny how some people always expect the so-called "pat on the back". Then there are the ones whom go about doing things behind the scenes and out in front that don't ever expect that so-called "pat on the back". I have known this Lion since the day I became a Lion and I don't remember this person receiving the Lion of the Month. Now, they might have during my earlier days and I just don't remember but if so then it has been way to long in between. It is amazing to me when I have looked back at old pictures of this clubs BBQ. Seeing this member along with other members at such a young age. I personally can attest to the tenacity of this Lion because of serving along side this Lion during my few years as a Lion. This Lion is always serving and going under the recognition radar and then one day I realized as we were struggling to continue at a monthly BBQ fighting fatigue, this Lion was showing his age. I realize how dedicated this Lion was. Tired and beat down, but continuing to stay hard at it. I know that I can stake my life on a bet. There is not a Lion in this room that would not buy him his hourly hamburger to help fight his personal diabetes. Thus giving him the strength to keep going at his Loin duties. I know he will be swerving next to Lion Scott, his son Lion Randy and other fellow Lions tomorrow and Saturday in the rain or sunshine helping his club. It is my pleasure to award Lion Bill Belcher Lion of the month for October."

Lion Mike Swederska

Thank you, Lion Mike for sharing.

Treasurer Responsibilities

By Treasurer Lion Norma

This is my second year doing the treasurer job duties for the Webster Groves Lions Club. They have been very challenging years.

The short discussion of Officer's Responsibilities that are presented by LCI can't begin to explain what really needs to be done in order to do a good job as a treasurer. The responsibilities are immense.

The Treasurer needs to be organized, open-minded, trustworthy, attend every meeting, collect funds when needed, promptly deposit funds when received, obtain funds from the bank when needed, good at taking notes, ask plenty of questions, be persistent on getting receipts, deal with tax issues, print statements for membership dues, keep track of membership dues that are outstanding, keep track of our budget and amend it when necessary, provide reports for our fund raising events and charitable contributions, pay all bills that are due on a timely basis, submit a treasurer report to our Board of Directors on a monthly basis along with our club members, all the while keeping a smile on your face.

Additionally, it is important that the Treasurer keep separate Administrative income and expense from Public income and expense.

Also, I can't stress enough how important it is for everyone who purchases something with one of our debit or credit cards or from their own card and wants to be reimbursed, that they present the Treasurer with a receipt along with writing on the receipt what the purchase was for. This is imperative.

Quick Books is the software used for our club accounting. It is essential that the Treasurer be familiar with the proper use of this software, and learning the use of this software has been a challenge during these past 2 years due to the lack of instructions or training.

I personally feel that the treasurer and the secretary position should have a manual to be handed over and explained to any new treasurer or secretary that will be coming into these positions. When I leave my position, I will be presenting such a manual to our new treasurer and work with that person for as long as it takes for them to feel comfortable as a treasurer.

I just hope the trend continues.

ThanksgivingFeast

November 22
The club Christmas Party will host a luncheon for the WGHS football team, cheerleaders, and coaches., at the Hawken House Hearth Room (where our normal meetings are held)

Club ChristmasParty

December 9th,
6:00pm to ??
The club Christmas Party will be held at the Hawken House Hearth Room (where our normal meetings are held)

Pancakes With Santa

December 19th
9:00am - 12:00pm
Sign up to help with Lion Rob

LIONS District 26-M2 Ninth Annual Convention

Friday March 24th - 26th.
Refer to website calendar for details.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas party will be December 9th at the Hawken House. Cocktails at 6:00pm with dinner (buffet) at 7:00pm
If you wish to participate in a gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift (\$15.00 or less).

Due to budget constraints, there will be a charge this year of \$15.00 per person, which includes hors d'oeuvre, open bar, and dinner.

Peace Poster Contest

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly [sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest](#) in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.

The theme of the 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest is "**A Celebration of Peace.**"

The WG Lions 2016 Peace Poster Contest winners were announced and awarded November 10th.

The Grand Prize winner was Grand Prize Winner was Sarah Rowlands of Rogers Middle School

The Zone Meeting

Held on October 27 had a wonderful turnout. We had eight different clubs in attendance, St. Louis University, St. Louis Southside, House Springs, Maplewood, Melville, St. Louis downtown and Webster.

Lion George Winkeler Jr. talked about new member and Officer training. There was also a guest speaker from that Shoe Crew Water Project. This program collects slightly used shoes and sells them in return they take the money and use it to build wells around the world that's providing clean drinking water. I will be collecting slightly used shoes to take to this organization, you can bring them to a meeting or set something up with me.

Thank you to those who attended the meeting.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Teddi Speeler

BBQs

BBQ report for our fiscal year 2016 - 2017

We have had our most successful year so far despite some of our worst weather on BBQ weekends.

April was a good start even with 53 degrees and heavy wind Friday Saturday was 70 degrees and sunny Net was \$4,191.42

May was also good Friday was sunny and 65 degrees Saturday was cloudy 58 degrees and windy Net was \$4,160.93

June was good Friday sunny all day 95 degrees Saturday sunny all day 97 degrees pretty HOT Net was \$4,247.24

August was hot also Friday sunny and 98 degrees Saturday sunny and 84 degrees Net was \$6,878.47

September was the worst weather Friday heavy rain to start rain on and off 85 degrees Saturday was sunny and 70 degrees Net \$3,631.17

October was good Friday sunny 69 degrees Saturday sunny and 81 degrees Net was \$5,051.98.

That is our first 6 BBQ's for this fiscal year for a total of \$28,161.21

We still have March to go and baring a complete disaster we should be well over \$30,000.00 for the year

WAY TO GO LIONS!!!

Lion Leo

Feed the Team

A long standing tradition of the Webster Lions Club, is feeding lunch to the Webster Groves football team, cheerleaders, and coaches. This year, it will take place on Tuesday November 22.
Contact Lion Larry M. Schumaier if you can volunteer to help.



Just imagine if every Lion, **1.4 million**, asked one person to join their club...

...now imagine how much more Lions could do and how many more people they could serve!

All it takes is asking one person...get started today!!!



Holiday Tree Safety



The NFPA 1 Fire Code (2009) code language for combustible vegetation, including natural cut Christmas trees, is covered in section 10.14.

Your local fire code official (a.k.a. authority having jurisdiction, or AHJ) may allow limited quantities of combustible vegetation in any occupancy if the AHJ determines that adequate safeguards are provided based on the quantity and nature of the combustible vegetation.

The model code also has the following additional provisions that must be met. Your local AHJ or municipal code may be more stringent.

- **Fire retardant:**
 - Artificial vegetation and artificial Christmas trees shall be labeled or otherwise identified or certified by the manufacturer as being fire retardant.
 - Such fire retardance shall be demonstrated by each individual decorative vegetation item, including any decorative lighting, in an approved manner.
- **Egress:**
 - Vegetation and Christmas trees shall not obstruct corridors, exit ways, or other means of egress.
- **Lights:**
 - Only listed electrical lights and wiring shall be used on natural or artificial combustible vegetation, natural or artificial Christmas trees, and other similar decorations.
 - Electrical lights shall be prohibited on metal artificial trees.
- **Heat and flame sources:**
 - Open flames such as from candles, lanterns, kerosene heaters, and gas-fired heaters shall not be located on or near combustible vegetation, Christmas trees, or other similar combustible materials. [*see also general prohibition on fire on university property at [UWS 18.10\(4\)\(a\)](#)*].
 - Combustible vegetation and natural cut Christmas trees shall not be located near heating vents or other fixed or portable heating devices that could cause it to dry out prematurely or to be ignited.
- **Provisions for natural cut trees:**
 - Where a natural cut tree is permitted, the bottom end of the trunk shall be cut off with a straight fresh cut at least 1/2 in. (13 mm) above the end prior to placing the tree in a stand to allow the tree to absorb water.
 - The tree shall be placed in a suitable stand with water.
 - The water level shall be maintained above the fresh cut and checked at least once daily.
 - The tree shall be removed from the building immediately upon evidence of dryness. [*NOTE: A method to check for dryness is to grasp a tree branch with a reasonably firm pressure and pull your hand to you, allowing the branch to slip through your grasp. If the needles fall off readily, the tree does not have adequate moisture content and should be removed.*]

QUIZ:

- Q1. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?
- Q2. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?
- Q3. If you were to spell numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?
- Q4. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers have in common?
- Q5. What is the only food that does not spoil?
- Q. Which day are there more collect phone calls (pre-cellphone) than any other day of the year?

(answers on Page 5)

December Birthdays

Lion Kim Pepple - 3rd
 Lion Barb Schopper - 8th
 Lion Vicky Swederska - 18th
 Lion Rik Taylor - 22nd
 Lion John Rabbitt - 28th
 Lion John Schink - 29th



January Birthdays

Lion Rob Halama - 5th
 Lion Becky Speeler - 10th
 Lion Mary Ulrich - 14th
 Lion Bob Buerk - 28th
 Lion Harris Gerhard - 30th

December Anniversaries

Lion John Gregory - 6 yrs
 Lion Michelle Krabbe - 6 yrs
 Lion Zachary Tallock - 6 yrs
 Lion Victoria Turner - 6 yrs
 Lion Jack Lenk - 18 yrs
 Lion Mark Cereghino - 26 yrs

January Anniversaries

Lion William Wood - 49 yrs
 Lion John Schink - 3 yrs
 Lion Christy Pershall - 4 yrs
 Lion Qain Swederska - 7 yrs
 Lion Larry Sauter - 9 yrs
 Lion Maria Sauter - 9 yrs
 Lion Ryan Whittington - 15 yrs

Perfect Attendance

In order to receive a perfect attendance pin, you must attend all 26 meetings. If you miss a meeting you can make it up by working a function within a two-week time frame.

Matching Funds

If you have a specific organization you would like to donate to, the club will match your donation up to \$500. For the club to match your donation, you must submit to the president or secretary a description of your charity and what it represents, a check made out to that organization, and an addressed envelope.

If you are interested in being on a committee for the upcoming year, please see President Lion Rob Halama.

Keep an eye out for the next squeal!
 If you have any news or pictures, please submit to Lion Fred!

A6. Father's Day A5. Honey A4. All were invented by women A3. One thousand A2. Obsession A1. Their birthplace Answers to Quiz

LIONS Tony Baumstark & Jerry Clubbs

FEATURED LION

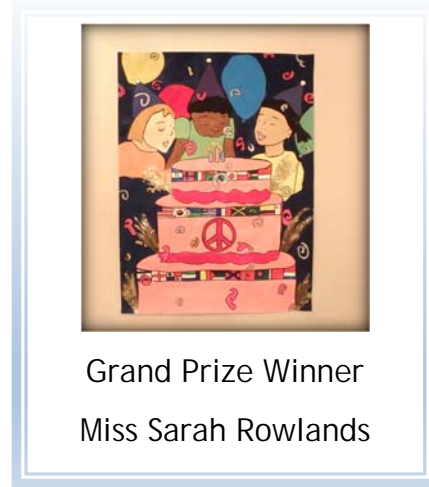
Who Is It: Lion Anthony (Tony) Baumstark (AKA Doctor Delightful)
Married to: Madalyn Ellen
Children: Bart, Daniel, Jonathan, Luke
Resides in: Clayton
Pets: Never!!
Church: Basilica.
Born and Raised: Akron, OH; Sleepy Hollow, NY
Childhood dream Career: Doctor
Something we don't know about you: Worst scrabble player & dejectbler
Talents: Hand-eye coordination; drawing, sculpting
Free Time: Reading, exercise, swimming, movies, grandchildren
Hobbies: Banjo, guitar
Proud Accomplishment: Private pilot, past Rotary President, Chief Resident, Harvard Fellow, Chief of Medical Imaging Washington Health Center, 4 Children, 8 grandchildren married 47 Yrs.
Favorite Holiday: Easter
Favorite Food: Fritos
Favorite Movie: Gone with the Wind, Hell or High Water
Favorite TV Show: Fox Business News (Stuart Varney)
Favorite Music: Opera, 50's, Bluegrass, country
What Do You Like About Your Job? Being at the center of Diagnostic medicine
Why Do You Like Being A Lion? Comradery.
Why Did You Become a Lion? Fred Yoder's Lions' tee shirt

FEATURED LION

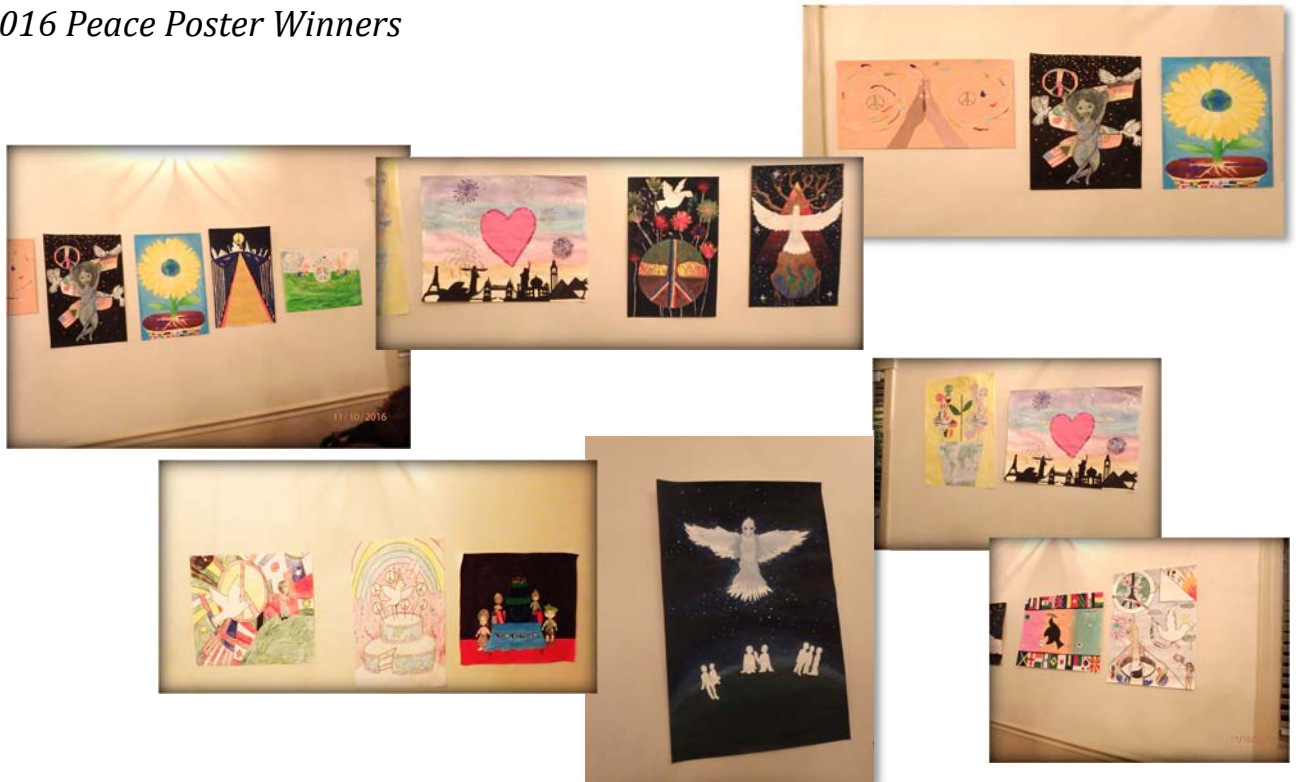
Who Is It: Lion Jerry Clubbs
Married to: Leslie
Children: 2 fur babies
Resides in: Webster Groves
Pets: 2 dogs
Church: None at this time
Born and Raised: St. Louis City
Childhood dream Career: A giraffe
Something we don't know about you: I'm a high school drop-out
Talents: Used to play a violin
Free Time: Trout fishing
Hobbies: Being a shit disturber
Proud Accomplishment: 2 college degrees
Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving
Favorite Food: Pizza
Favorite Movie: Godfather
Favorite TV Show: Big Bang Theory.
Favorite Music: Anything but rap and country
What Do You Like About Your Job? That I work no more than 2 days a month
Why Do You Like Being A Lion: Making a difference to people we serve.
Why Did You Become a Lion? My oldest brother was blind and the Lions Club made a difference in his life. I need to pay back the Lion's generosity.



2016 Peace Poster Winners



Grand Prize Winner
Miss Sarah Rowlands



2016 WINNING PEACE POSTERS

Why Is a Two-Week Period Called a *Fortnight*?

The Anglo-Saxons believed that the night was a discrete entity from the daytime, and they measured the passage of time by counting the number of nights that had passed. *Fortnight* comes directly from the Old English *feowertene nighta* ("fourteen nights").

Fortnight has a quaint and obsolete feel to it, but no other English word is more precise. Those of us who subscribe to many magazines and journals are plagued by descriptions of their frequency: Is a *bimonthly* magazine one that is published twice a month, or once every two months? Is there necessarily a difference between *bimonthly* and *biweekly*? In the best of all possible worlds, *biweekly* would mean "once every two weeks." We have another term, *semiweekly*, which is perfectly adequate to describe something produced twice a week.

Even if we could standardize terms, a further problem still exists: There are more than four weeks in every month except for February (in nonleap years). A biweekly magazine would come out twenty-six times a year, but a semimonthly only twenty-four times a year. Subscribers aren't always sure how many issues they are receiving.

The simplest solution, I propose, is to bring back *fortnightly* as the term to describe "every two weeks."

The word has been around for about fifteen hundred years, longer certainly than any of these magazines confusing us about their frequency.

Submitted by Pam Lebo of Glen Burnie, Maryland.

(Extracted from "Imponderables" by David Feldman)

Stuff You Didn't Know

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle.

If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle.

If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

$111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David
Hearts - Charlemagne
Clubs - Alexander, the Great
Diamonds - Julius Caesar

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. 'Wet your whistle' is the phrase inspired by this practice.

Eggnog Cheesecake Bars

A spiced graham cracker crust and bourbon-infused egg nog filling give these simple bars a delicious holiday twist. The recipe comes from Annie Marshall of the Indianapolis-based blog Annie's Eats.

Ingredients

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 12 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup eggnog
- 1 tablespoon bourbon (optional)
- Graham cracker crumbs and/or crystallized ginger (optional)



Makes: 16 servings
Prep 25 mins
Bake 5 mins
Bake 28 mins
Cool 1 hr.
Chill 4 hrs. to 24 hrs.

Directions

1. For the crust, combine the 1 cup graham cracker crumbs, 3 tablespoons sugar, ginger, cinnamon and nutmeg in a medium bowl. Stir in the melted butter with a fork until evenly combined. Transfer the crumb mixture to an 8x8x2-inch baking pan lined with foil or parchment paper. Press crumb mixture down flat in an even layer. Bake in a 375 degrees oven for 5 minutes. Remove from oven and reduce oven temperature to 325 degrees F.
2. For the filling, in a large mixer bowl, beat cream cheese with an electric mixer on medium-high speed until smooth, about 1 minute. Add 1/3 cup sugar and beat 1 minute more. Add egg; beat until smooth. Add the egg and bourbon, if desired; beat on medium speed 1 minute more, until the mixture is light and no lumps remain.
3. Pour the filling over the crust in the baking pan. Bake for 28 to 30 minutes or until the center is just set. Cool in pan on wire rack for 1 hour. Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving. If you like, garnish bars with graham cracker crumbs and/or crystallized ginger.

Publication Dates:

Feb/Mar - Feb 18th
Apr/May - March 24th
Jun/Jul - May 26th
Aug/Sep - July 28th
Oct/Nov - September 22nd
Dec/Jan - November 25th

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