



Webster Groves LIONS

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Someone Old,
Someone New,
Something Borrowed,
Something...Orange?

(I have borrowed, and may have paraphrased, the old rhyme here, but the sentiment remains.. - ed.)

Apparently, serving his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII wasn't enough for Mr. Gerber.

Apparently, there was a need for more, so Mr. Gerber decided to join the LIONS Club of Webster Groves to help fulfill that need.

That is how he came to be known as..... *(drum roll please)*....

LION DON GERBER!

(Someone Old)

We would like to congratulate Lion Don for his 60 years of service *(and counting)* to those in need through his club, his community, and his nation.

At our meeting on August 8th, District Governor Lion George Winkeler *(New District Governor, so, Someone New. And, as you can see in the photo, Something Orange)* presented Lion Don a 60 year chevron for his many, many years of dedication to helping others.



And, since that service continues to this day, Lion Don was found waiting tables at Bravo Cucina Italiana for the "Celebrity Waiters Night" on August 22nd, benefitting the **St. Louis Crisis Nursery**. He served from 4:30 to about 8pm.

There were other *lesser-known* celebrities, as well as other restaurants, involved in this event. All told, the event raised in excess of \$140,000.

Congratulations Lion Don, and Thanks for all your years of service, to the Club and the community.

(BTW...if you're looking for the "Something Borrowed" thingy, I told you that I borrowed the old rhyme at the top!

Maplewood Partners with Webster Groves LIONS to score the Greatest Trivia Night in all their history!

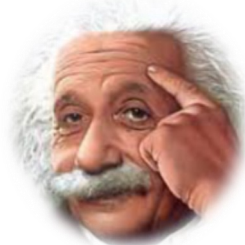
Yes! It happened folks! August 10th was a record breaker for the two clubs as they put on their *first* Trivia Night.

There were 8 raffle items and 32 silent auction items (to include 7 hand-made baby blankets, *thanks to future Lion Leslie*, and 2 sets of 4 Cardinal tickets, and 4 signed St. Louis Blues Hockey Pucks from the Stanley Cup Series.

(That's the one where we won the Stanley cup. And, yeah, although we ourselves didn't play, "we" still won.)

The house was almost full to capacity.

(Probably because they thought Lion Fred and Albert Einstein are doppelgangers.)



(No. This is not Lion Fred.

Pretty close though. Am I right?)

The event was very successful, and all seemed to enjoy the evening.

In fact, we might even do it again!

(Not too soon though. Some of us are still recovering.)

Those who donated, those who helped set up, and take down, and those who worked the event, all are appreciated and, hopefully, had fun doing it.

(And YES, I realize that calling this event a "Record Breaker" might be a bit misleading, since it was our first attempt, but I am the one writing this and I get to write what I want.—ed.) 😊

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Featured Lion

This issue's "Featured Lion" is one you may already know. In one respect, he's old. In another, he is new. Our featured Lion is our brand new District Governor Lion George Winkeler Jr. As a rule, this feature is a "column", however, DGLG is not the type to be put into a column. It was enough work to get him to hold it down to one page. **(Bless his heart!)**

(And make sure you pronounce all 3 syllables in his last name!) I give you DG Lion George.....

***Name:** DG Lion George Winkeler Jr. (I wonder if that should be "win-ke-ler", or "wink-e-ler")

***Married to:** Lion Jennifer Hope Winkeler
(My Everything and My Rock)

***Children:** No Children - (but I do have 1 godson and 1 goddaughter that I very proud of and brag about them both)

***Resides in:** Affton
(I want to build a new house on a lake.)

***Pets:** Lion Jennifer has "Cameron" or Cam the cat. (George doesn't like cats.)

***Church:** I'm Catholic, go to many churches and talk to GOD daily.
(and he answers my questions and prayers.)

***Born and Raised:** Born in St Louis back in 1961 at the old St Anthony's in South St Louis Raised in the Mehville and Grantwood Village area.
(My parents are great and I hope I can be 1/2 the human beings they are.)

***Childhood dream career:** To be a Plumber and a professional golfer.
(I hold 36 professional license and carry a +9 handicap.)

***Something we don't know about you:** I played 8 semi-pro football games for the East St Louis Pharaohs when I was younger, and I'm writing a cook book now that I'm older. (I wanted/want to be the best at both)

***Talents:** I sew and knit.
(big hands but delicate fingers.)

***Free time:** Love boating, swimming and wine.
(but not at the same time.)

***Hobbies:** Cooking
(not to brag but, I'm pretty good.)

***Proud Accomplishment:** Beating Cancer and inspiring others to do the same
(I try to "Aspire to Inspire")

***Favorite Holiday:** Christmas
(Family time is the best time.)

***Favorite Food:** My mothers vegetable soup
(I have tried but my Mom makes the Best!)

***Favorite Movie:** Wizard of Oz
(I played the Mayor of Munchkin land and the Cowardly Lion at different times.)

***Favorite TV show:** Naked and Afraid. Or Chopped (I want to be on both shows... ..so be very afraid)

***Favorite Music:** Frank Sinatra and the Rat pack
(" I did it My Way ")

***What you like about your job?:**

Professional Job: I love fixing problems and creating things from nothing
(I built a \$65, 000 bathroom for a St Louis Blues Hockey Player that included a 48 square foot steam shower with a 50" flat screen TV)

Lions Job: I love being your District Governor, I've been planning to do this for years
(Always told everyone, I won't do it till I know I can give my 100%)

***Why do you like being a Lion?:** I love the idea of helping others
(Thanks to all of the people that help me change our World, one person at a time.)

***Why did you become a Lion?:** I was asked to join by my Father and by other lions to help
(so it goes to show " Just Ask One " works and who knows what 28 years will bring.....a JPL to DG.)



New Voices Spotlight - August 2019

Hello from your New Voices Coordinator!

If you were not at the August business meeting you didn't get to hear that I am the District New Voices coordinator. If you are unaware of what New Voices is all about, check out the LCI website to learn more about this initiative which promotes gender parity and diversity, as well as seeks to increase the number of women, young adults, and under represented populations within our association.

I have a few projects in mind for the year but my first project as Coordinator will be spotlighting one woman Lion from our district each month. These women will be trailblazers, trendsetters, and those who do extraordinary things when no one is looking. You may know their names, or they may be someone who is behind the scenes, doing LIONS good work, and just needs to be heard. Look below for my first installment of New Voices Spotlight!

If you have someone you would like to nominate for a New Voices Spotlight, please email me:

halamas@sbcglobal.net

Yours in LIONISM

LION Sandy Halama

New Voices Coordinator

The first edition of New Voices Spotlight tells you about a trailblazer, our very first woman District Governor, PDG Debbie Blumenberg.

PDG Debbie became a Lioness in 1984, and then merged into the club as a full Lion a few years later. She has held all club positions except secretary. Other positions include Zone Chair, State Sight Committee, District Eye Care Committee, Vice District Governor, and of course, District Governor.

PDG Debbie joined Lions because husband Lion Al joined first. The club encouraged her to join as a Lioness, and of course she said yes! PDG Debbie has had many experiences in LIONS projects, but her involvement with eye screenings and eye mission trips stand out and make her most proud of her work. PDG Debbie has been a LION for 35 years, however, if you ask when she "truly became a LION" she would tell you about the time she was a screener and realized a friend's daughter, whom Lion Debbie tested, had major issues with her eyesight. It was at that time the importance of a Lion's work became clear. Years later, PDG Debbie went on a couple of eye mission trips to Mexico. Seeing the great work fueled her passion even more! PDG Debbie continues to be inspired about serving as a LION.

The projects LIONS support are important to her but it is "*The passion of those around me who continue to keep the flame burning bright*" which excites her most.

Lions Al and Debbie have met a lot of people and have had a lot of fun as LIONS. Together, they are a team, (maybe that is a *pride*), of



LIONS. Because of their ability to work side by side, PDG Debbie has not had to face too many challenges as a woman LION. So what advice does she have for young women joining LIONS or even those current members who want to do more? "*Focus on how you can make a difference whether it be projects or just plain participation. Learn to be involved.*"

In closing, an inspirational message from PDG Debbie:

"I believe that when you serve with your heart, EVERYONE benefits!"

New Voices Spotlight - September 2019

Welcome to the September New Voices Spotlight!

This month, we are talking about a Lion who broke one gender barrier by being the first female president of the Webster Groves LIONS Club. Lion Vicky Swederska was also the first female Carnival Chair in the Club's history. In addition to those positions, she was Club Treasurer twice, Past President, Director, District Treasurer, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Vice President, and is currently part of the District GMT team.

Lion Vicky has been a Lion for 15 years. She joined the LIONS because she was already attending meetings, and participating in the functions, and working fundraisers with husband, Lion Mike. Lion Vicky "felt strongly about the good that the LIONS did for our community and beyond."

As a Lion belonging to a hard-working, ambitious club, Lion Vicky is proud of the amount of money the volunteers earn and donate to great causes. The first project, which has become an even greater need than before, is through the Webster Groves School District. Members bring non-perishable food and can goods to meetings, or monthly barbeques. These donations are then put in to backpacks and sent home with the children that don't have enough food for a weekend, or even over

one night.

The one event/fundraiser that makes Lion Vicky extremely proud to be a Webster Groves Lion, is the July 4th Carnival. It takes hundreds of man hours to work this event and to make it successful, but the end result is more than worth it.

Lion Vicky was only the second female member of the WG Lions club. Her first challenge was to just fit in. She accepted the challenge, didn't let attitudes change her views, and continued to support the club. "When the "Old Guys" invited me to serve beer with them at our carnival, I knew I had arrived!"

Fellowship is a huge part of being a Lion. The friendships made as a Lion have inspired Lion Vicky to be a part of every fundraiser and function possible. To sum it up, Lion Vicky says "Coming up with new ideas or just building on someone else's idea can be exciting. Working together with fellow Lions creates bonds that will last forever."

So what advice does Lion Vicky have for potential and/or new LIONS? "One of the regrets that I personally have is not joining the Lions at a younger age. We all have other obligations that take up our time and energy, but if you just give what you can, it will make a huge difference in your outlook and your desire to help others.



My advice to young women is to get involved. Find out how fortunate you really are, and how many others could use your help in making their lives better. To current women in LIONS, reach out and find out how the organization works. Find out where you fit in. Maybe take a position on the Board of Directors, or volunteer to be a chairman of a function. You may not know what hidden talents you have that can be very beneficial to the success of this organization".

If you would like to nominate a Lion for the New Voices Spotlight, please send their name and contact information to:

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I will take care of the rest!

Lion Sandy Halama

New Voices Coordinator

Baseball/Softball Opening Day

We served the community of Webster Groves, by providing their Baseball/Softball League hot dogs, snacks, and soft drinks at their opening day event.



The day before, I had planned to cancel our participation due to the rainy weather forecasts. But at 2:00 in the afternoon, the league President, finally contacted me, and assured me, that the games would go on.

So at 2:30, Friday afternoon, Lion Teddi, Lion Larry Schumaier and I were scrambling to get to Sam's Club to purchase all the food, soda, and water needed for "Opening Day".

By the time we got to the checkout, we had a filled shopping cart and two fully loaded flat carts. We loaded my truck, Lion Larry's truck, and Lion Teddi's car in preparation for today.

Lion Craig Brown delivered the tents and tables in his truck that morning. Lion Pat Rabbitt brought the concrete blocks and trash cans in his, so we ended up using four pick-up trucks for this small, half day event. LOL

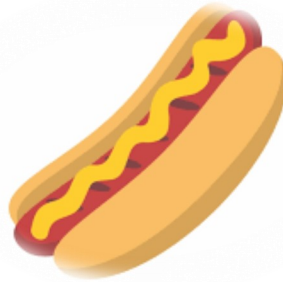


The rain started while we were still setting up, and pretty much continued all morning. The games were being played as well.

We gave out almost 300 hot dogs, plus the soda, cookies and chips.

Despite what I had been told, the games were cancelled at 11:30 and the team was done, except for my "Lions A Team".

We still had to pack it all up.



I want to send out a very special "Thanks" to my LIONS Opening Day team:

Mary Ulrich	Pat Rabbitt
Norma Belcher	Fred Yoder
Jerry Clubbs	Craig Brown
Teddi Speeler	Kim Pepple
Larry Schumaier	Missy Carr

Please forgive me if I missed anyone!

Sincerely -

Lion John Gregory

The Wedded Life of Three Brothers

(a cautionary tale)

Three brothers get married.

The first one married a woman from Minneapolis, and said to her: "When I get back from work, I want the house to be clean and tidy".

He didn't see any changes the first day, but on the second day, the house was clean and tidy.

The second one married a woman from Dallas, and he said to her: "When I get home from work, I want the house to be clean, and have food ready on the table".

On the first day he didn't see any changes, and not on the second day either, but on the third day, it was as he had asked.

The third brother married a woman from Detroit, and he said to her: "When I get back from work, I want the house to be clean, the laundry done, and have food ready on the table".

On the first day he didn't see anything, and not on the second day, or the third day.

On the fourth day, he could see a little bit with his left eye, and had just enough mobility in his right hand to make himself a sandwich.

President's Message

The July 4th Carnival and BBQ has come to a close, and while it had it's ups and downs this year, we managed to stick together as a club, and work toward a common goal. That goal being able to raise funds to donate to many worthy charities throughout the year. These charities/organizations are found our own backyards, district wide, statewide, and internationally. The carnival gives us the opportunity to help these charities.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped during the carnival.

For the month of August, we partnered with the **Maplewood Lions** for a Trivia Night! This fundraiser was a hit! We had 16 tables, 20 silent auction items, and 8 raffle items. Thanks to all the Lions that helped make this event successful.

Fall approaches, and our kids are heading back to school. We will collect school supplies, to be taken to Affton, and Webster Groves School Districts.



September 13/14th we had a BBQ.

In October we have firehouse open house, **and** our last BBQ for the year. We'd love to have all the Lions from our club helping.

The Club will also be participating in the Pediatric Cancer Bags Service Project in November.

We welcome all who would like to help with any of these projects.

Please keep Lion **Pam Rosen** in your prayers as she continues to recover, and Lion **Pat Rabbitt** as well as he continues to recover, at home, from his triple bypass surgery.

It truly is an honor to serve the Club as President, and I am proud of our work in our community.

May you be proud of the work you do, the person you are, and the difference you make.

- President Lion Becky Speeler



<u>July</u>			
Pat Rabbit	1	Pam Rosen	1
Teddi Speeler	18	Craig Brown	23
Jack Lenk	28	Lee Keefer	9
		Joe Pinegar	25
<u>August</u>			
Cheryl Davidson	1	Phil Hunt	1
Bill Belcher	16	Larry Suiter	16
Frank Tallis	26	Sandy Halama	20
		Tim Rabbitt	5
		Lee Scherzer	20
<u>September</u>			
Rebecca Brown	1	Tony Baumstark	10
Mark Cereghino	20	Larry Schumaier	28
		Mike Caprigleone	12
<u>October</u>			
June Lenk	1	Luke Baumstark	1
Craig Crabbe	10	Kelley Kastner	23
		Leo Christ	5
		Greg Hanser	29

Anniversaries

<u>July</u>			
Joe Pinegar	3	Tony Baumstark	5
Mike Swederska	15	Missy Carr	19
		Luke Baumstark	5
		Sharon Christ	22
<u>August</u>			
Mahrugh Khan	7	Vicky Swederska	15
Mike Caprigleone	18	Jim Greenlaw	18
June Lenk	22	Harris Gerhard	25
		Larry M. Schumaier	17
		Kim Pepple	21
		Dennis Donse	32
<u>September</u>			
Lee Scherzer	8	Georgia McGuire	10
Greg Hanser	31	Pat Rabbitt	21
<u>October</u>			
Rob Halama	12	Sandy Halama	12
Larry Schumaier	32	Phil Hunt	34
Dave Whitney	41	Frank Tallis	12
		Kurt Weisenfels	40

What to do, and when to do it...

October 5th-Firehouse Open House

October 11/12th- BBQ

October 26th-Make a difference day

November 3rd-Pediatric Cancer Bag Stuffing- Delta Gamma 1 - 4pm

One Final word—

One day, you'll be just a memory for some people.

Do your best to be a good one.