



# Webster Groves LIONS SQUEAL

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*Yes, I know it's October, but when the articles come late,  
ya just gotta roll with it. - ed.*

Painting Party Participants Produce  
a Plethora of Pleasant, and Possibly  
Perfectly Painted, Pumpkin Portraits!



We had a "Paint and Sip Night" at CJ Muggs. Lion Christy, from the Union Lions, was our instructor. We had a great night with lots of laughs, painting, good food, and drinks! We will have another one in the Spring.

- Lion Becky

# Featured Lion

\*Name – Kathy Hitchell

\*Married to - nobody



\*Children – Christopher and Nicholas (and I'm sure they're both "Saints")

\*Lives in - Webster Groves (Yeah. She's one of "Those")

\*Pets – Bernadette (turtle)



\*Born and Raised - St. Louis, Missouri



\*Childhood dream career - Nurse

\*Actual career – HR & Payroll Manager



\*What you like about your job - We serve senior residents. Sometimes I get a chance to talk with a resident and it's amazing to hear about their life! I recently spoke with a resident that was going to be 100 years young.

\*Something we don't know about you - I am the 60<sup>th</sup> and last grandchild in my family

\*Talents – amateur sewer



\*Free time - reading, my family



\*Hobbies - reading, crafts



\*Proud Accomplishment - raising twins

(I thought she said "racing" twins!)



\*Favorite Holiday - Halloween

\*Favorite Food – Pasta con Broccoli

\*Favorite Movie – tie - Gone with the Wind/Wizard of Oz



\*Favorite TV show - Bewitched



\*Favorite Music - Country

\*Why you like being a Lion – I enjoy helping others and the friendships I have made

\*Why you became a Lion - After volunteering for several years through the Cub/Boy Scouts, I witnessed the great things being done for a community I grew up in! I wanted to be a part of that!

# Avery Elementary School Picnic - Lion Sandy

In July, Anne Jozwik from Avery Elementary's PTO reached out to our club requesting our help at their Back to School Picnic on August 28<sup>th</sup> at Rocket Ship park. Anne asked if our club would BBQ hamburgers, hotdogs and a few veggie burgers with 2 sides for approximately 200 people. The PTO has approximately \$350 to spend so if we purchased and cooked the food, they would reimburse us for the products. All other condiments, dessert and paper products would be supplied by the PTO as well as serving the food during the event.



On August 28<sup>th</sup> eight LIONS and two family members came to support this community event. Using the griddle and portable grill, LIONS Rob Halama, Greg Hanser and Fred Yoder cooked the hamburgers, hotdogs and veggie burgers with time to spare for the 11:45 start time. Meanwhile, Lions Shayla Williams, Teddi Speeler, Jerry Clubbs, Kathy Hitchell, Sandy Halama and future LION Carole Hanser, set the serving tables, arranged serving utensils and coolers.



When Anne and her PTO friends arrived, they were very excited about our organization of the event and happy we were able to give pointers on the best layout and serving process. At approximately noon, the LIONS left with the intention of returning to retrieve our equipment.

Upon return we were met by the PTO with so much enthusiasm and gratefulness for our participation. The food was well received (although we did over buy on hotdogs, potato salad and chips). The PTO donated the leftover food to St Vincent De Paul center downtown.

With the help of Lion Kathy Hitchell and future Lion Nick, loading the equipment and cleanup was a breeze.

They were so happy, they would like us to return next year!



# Service Projects

- Lion Teddi

## Celebration of Life Bags for the Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis

For the September Service Project we assembled bags filled with baby items such as onesies, sleepers, burp clothes, books, tethers, wash clothes, baby hats, mittens, socks and a blanket.

These bags will be given out to families when they receive a Down Syndrome diagnosis at birth. The association sends these out along with books and reading material for parents about DS.



This is a project near and dear to Lion Becky's heart as her baby girl Addi has Down syndrome. When she received her bag it was such a joy in light of getting the news about the diagnosis



*(Thanks to all who attended and helped with the project—ed)*



## Backpacks of love service project.

For this July Service Project the club put together backpacks that were delivered to the Department of family and Children Services Missouri Division.

These backpacks were filled with an outfit or pajamas, personal hygiene items such as a tooth brush and soap, story book, coloring book, crayons or journal and pens, they also had a cozy blanket.

These backpacks are given to a child when they're leaving a bad home situation and have to be placed with a foster family. Often times those children have nothing when they get put into the system. This serves as a way for them to have something of their own.

We put together 30 backpacks and they were so excited to received them!



*(Service Projects continued next page )*

## School Supplies for Webster and Affton Schools

For the August Service Project we put backpacks full of school supplies together for those kids that couldn't afford the required supplies for the year.



We did 10 for each school district, 5 boys and 5 girls. The schools were so appreciative of this continued project that we do yearly in the fall.

# Anniversaries

## October

Rob Halama-15 yrs      Sandy Halama-15 yrs

Frank Tallis-15 yrs      Larry (the elder) Schumaier-35 yrs

Kurt Weisenfels-43 yrs

## November

Norma Belcher- 21 yrs

## December

Michelle Krabbe-12      Jack Lenk-24 yrs

Mark Cereghino-32 yrs

## President's message



LIONS,

The air has turned crisp as summer turns to fall, which leaves us with one more BBQ planned for this year. If you have a couple of extra hours during the weekend of 10/14 and 10/15, please reach out to Lion Becky. We could use your help and fellowship to close the BBQ year out strong.

Speaking of fellowship, whether you join us in person or by ZOOM, our monthly business and service project meetings continue to be successful. The introduction of "happy dollars" and recent trivia have allowed us to learn more about each other and share some laughs.

A big thank you to Lion Rob for the latest version of "Coming Attractions". We have several birthdays to celebrate in October. It looked like everyone is getting older but Shayla is staying the same age!

While my presidency is just over half way finished, I know there is still much work to be done this year. As John Maxwell once said, "The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails." I invite you to re-engage with the club to encourage growth as we continue to live our motto "We Serve".

I look forward to seeing each of you at an upcoming meeting, community event or fundraiser.

– Ryan Whittington

*One Final Word -*

We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone. - Ronald Reagan