



Webster Groves LIONS SQUEAL

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Now it's time for our new year to start!

It's BBQ time!

Yes, my friends, BBQ season is upon us. April 14th and 15th will be here shortly.

Time to dust off the BBQ equipment. Fire up the grills, the steamers, the bean stove and greet our fans. Schedule this year has been altered to having our small Qs in April, May, and June. Hours open to the public have also been reduced to 11 - 5.

Volunteers are needed in all areas.



Towing on Wednesday.

Tent set-up on Thursday

Cooking and prepping and serving on Friday

Cooking, serving, tear down and towing on Saturday

All those that are able, please let Becky know your availability

All help is appreciated

Featured Lion

Each issue, we feature one of our LIONS. This Lion is our newest member.

I would like to introduce you to Lion



*Name – Norma Wampler

*Married to -David Wampler -We are separated

*Children – one adult Son

*Lives in - High Ridge, MO

*Pets - None (*NONE? We may have to address THAT one*)

*Born and Raised – St. Louis, spent part of my childhood in High Ridge

*Childhood dream career – English or History Teacher

*Actual career – RN I have retired since 2020

*What you like about your job - That I met a lot of people

*Something we don't know about you -
That I am not at all musically inclined.
(Yeah. You and most of the rest of us.)

*Talents - I knit and crochet

*Free time - Making things with yarn and reading

*Hobbies - Knitting, crocheting, reading and collect books (*I'm sensing a theme here*)

*Proud Accomplishment - I cannot think of one

*Favorite Holiday - St. Patrick's Day

*Favorite Food – Lasagna and Lobster
(*I know what SHE'S bringing to our potluck dinner*)

*Favorite Movie - None — (*WHAT?*)

*Favorite TV show – Blue Bloods

*Favorite Music – Classical and an assortment of Christian music

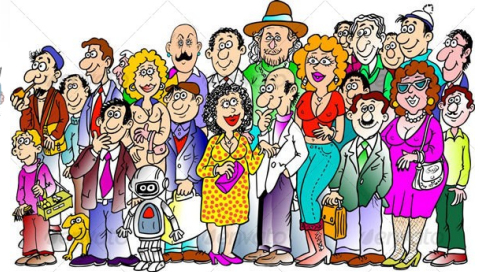
*Why you like being a Lion – Making new friends (*and she hit the ground runnin'*)

*Why you became a Lion - To help people and give back to the community

(*This is what I was talking about with the Easter Egg Hunt picture*)



This is the only picture I have for Lion Norma "Rose". It is one from when she worked the Easter Egg Hunt. Yeah folks. She's a worker! Ain't that beautiful!



Reel Recovery

Recently the Club received a plaque from Reel Recovery recognizing the financial support Webster Groves LIONS has provided for several years. Retreats are funded through donations from individuals and organizations. Lion Mike Swederska has been a longtime volunteer for Reel Recovery during their annual Missouri fly-fishing retreats.

The mission of Reel Recovery is to help men in the cancer recovery process by introducing them to the healing powers of the sport of fly-fishing, while providing a safe, supportive environment to explore their personal experiences of cancer with others during counselor facilitated small group discussions.



This is the 20th Anniversary year since Reel Recovery was founded in 2003. Since then over 4,000 men have attended retreats throughout the United States. Reel Recovery provides at No Charge to Participants and volunteers, lodging, meals, and fishing gear. Experienced fly-fishers known as “River Buddies” pair up with Participants over 3 days to help them catch fish, and generally show them a good time in a beautiful setting. No fishing experience is required. Fishing is just a small part of the experience of relaxing, socializing, and sharing their experience with other Participants.

Men living with cancer can apply to attend a retreat and learn more about Reel Recovery by visiting www.reelrecovery.org. *(For those of you with a sharp eye, you may notice the aforementioned Lion Mike in the photo below.)*



2023 Easter Egg Hunt

Hum dum dum ditty dum
Hum dum dum

Oh the wind is lashing lustily
And the trees are thrashing thrustily
And the leaves are rustling gustily
So it's rather safe to say



That it seems that it may turn out to be
Feels that it will undoubtedly
It looks like a rather blustery day, today
It seems that it may turn out to be
Feels that it will undoubtedly
Looks like a rather blustery day, today

Winnie the Pooh was right on the money when it came to predicting the weather for our 2023 Easter Egg Hunt. Although the rain the night before did *not* turn our hunting grounds into mush, the "Blustery Day" was certainly present. We were constantly resetting the caution tape, and chasing the loose ends all over the field.

However, when the time came, we were set and ready for the "Hunters Extraordinaire". We had some stiff competition this year with no less than 10 Hunts in the area. We did get about 100 hunters, some new, some "seasoned". All seemed to have a great time running and grabbing all of the 2000 eggs we had stuffed, as well as the 7 "Golden Tickets" mixed in amongst the aforementioned 2000 eggs.



Helping stuff those 2000 eggs were new Lion Norma, and future WIG Lions Kathy Pusateri and Nikki Hull

Thank to all those Lions who came and helped with set up, egg distribution, working the hunt, and most of all.....cleanup when we were done.



Special thanks to all those who stayed after Thursdays meeting to stuff those eggs for the hunt.

Also special thanks to future Lion Daisy for getting the Easter Bunny to join us and let the kids get some photos.

(wink, wink)



Heart of the Community Awards Banquet

Friday, March 31st was more than just a Friday night of horrendous rain. Though that it was. It was also the night that the Webster Groves, Rock Hill, and Shrewsbury communities get together to honor their own.

Community leaders, business leaders, civic leaders were all gathered to honor those among them who stood out in their efforts to help others, and make their communities greater places to live.

It should now be noted that one of our own was honored that night. The Webster Groves LIONS "Lion of the Year" for 2021/2022, Becky Shelton, was not only treated to dinner, but also given a Heart of the Community award for her achievement. Congratulations Lion Becky!



Installation of the 2023/2024 Board of Directors

As the end of March rolls around, we gather as a Club to say "Goodbye" to the outgoing president, and to any board members who may be leaving. We also say "Howdy-do" to the newbies that are moving into take their places.

Thursday's meeting was more than just stuffing eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. It was when and where our 2023/2024 Board of Directors made their debut, and were sworn in as though they were getting pickled by our new president, Lion Jerry Clubbs.

There was a bar open, so there probably was some "pickling" going on.)

Lions Larry the Younger, Larry the Suiter, Shayla Williams, Pat Rabbitt, Kathy Hitchell, Sandy Halama, Becky Shelton, Teddi Speeler, Ryan Whittington, Rob Halama, and of course Jerry Clubbs, each in their own



time, were sworn in to their position, each promising they would do their job to the best of their abilities. Which, of course means, if you see any of them slackin', you are free to bring it to their attention in no uncertain words.

We do, however, wish them a great year and a fun year!



Anniversaries

April -

Pam Rosen - 15 yrs

Fred Yoder - 15 yrs

Leo Christ - 44 yrs

Lou Schopper - 62 yrs

May -

Barbara Schopper - 28 yrs

Craig Krabbe - 34 yrs

June -

Kathy Hitchell - 1 yr

Kenny Rogers - 3 yrs

Tim Casper - 3 yrs

Becky Shelton - 16 yrs

Teddi Speeler - 18 yrs

Jerry Clubbs - 25 yrs

Scott Young - 34 yrs

Bill Belcher - 38 yrs

Don Gerber - 64 yrs

Presidents' Messages

Outgoing -

Fellow Lions,

As my year comes to an end, I would like to thank you for your dedication and participation this last year. While we, like all service organizations, are in need of more members please know that you are a valuable member of this club and its future success.

This year we experienced a strong fundraising year, remained connected to our community through service projects and have planned effectively for our future. I ask that you support Jerry with the same enthusiasm that you showed me as he carries out his plans for the next year.

May our grills always remain hot and our hearts be filled with a desire to serve.

- IPP Lion Ryan Whittington

I am not sure if these are two doppelgangers separated by many years...many hard years...



*Or is it God's cruel joke for father and son?
Inquiring minds want to know....*

- Incoming

Hello fellow Lions!

I am the newest Webster Groves LIONS president.

(Oh no! Not another one!)

I hope you have no expectations of my term, because I can meet that goal!

This year, is going to be a challenge to us all, with fewer Bar

Be Ques and fewer members. I know we can survive and thrive during the next year.

That will be my goal, to help us all do the best we can to save our community.

As our motto states -"We Serve".

- Lion Jerry Clubbs

Webster Groves President 2023/2024

One Final word—

"You may delay, but time will not."

- Benjamin Franklin