

Webster Groves Lions Newsletter

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Celebrating our 90th Anniversary

President Lion Teddi Speeler



President's Message

Fellow Lions,

Wow, I can't believe I am writing my June/July President's Message. April and May have been flying by; like normal, we have been busy with the Easter Egg Hunt, April and May BBQ, Baseball/Softball opening day and the 300 tree project. Thank you to all who came out and supported those events. It is truly amazing at what can be accomplished when individual work together as a team!

Also don't forget our 1st Beer Tasting Event at Schlafly Bottle Works in Maplewood. It should be a great event and a good time to mix with non-lions. It will be a great opportunity for us to get the word out about what lions do. If you can't attend, send your family or friends; let's make this event successful.

Our June BBQ and blood drive is fast approaching. Let's help save lives by supporting the blood drive. Get your families and friends on board about this. Now's the time to step up and save a life!

As always our 4th of July Carnival is coming. The dates are July 1-4th. If you want to help in some capacity let me know and I can get you in contact with the appropriate person.

(The list Carnival Chairs is located on Page 2. Please feel free to contact any of these Lions)

Again thank you for allowing me to serve our club! I couldn't be happier or more proud of all the positive things we are doing in the community of Webster Groves!!

Yours in Lionism,
President Lion Teddi Speeler
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Our Motto
"We Serve"

Webster
Groves
Lions

Hearing Aid Recycling Program (HARP)

Every Lion should already know that the Lions told Helen Keller they would pick up the fight against blindness. How many Lions know that in that same speech she also asked for help with the quest to help with deafness?

Here is the last paragraph of Helen Keller's speech to the Lions at the International Convention on June 30, 1925.

"The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this: To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?"

The need is great. The World Health Organization estimates that 360 million people worldwide have disabling hearing loss. Yet, current annual production of hearing aids meets less than 10% of the global need. The Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Program (HARP) enables Lions to provide affordable hearing aids for individuals with limited financial resources. One of the most effective ways Lions help people who have hearing loss or who are hard of hearing is through our hearing aid recycling program. Lions recycle thousands of hearing aids per year that enhance the lives of adults and children worldwide.

DONATE A HEARING AID TO HELP

Lions collect hearing aids and send them to regional Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Centers. These centers utilize donated hearing aids in various ways:

- Lions may partner with participating hearing care professionals who refurbish donated hearing aids to fit the individual needs of the recipient.
- Lions may provide a team of hearing care professionals or volunteers with a supply of donated hearing aids that have been repaired and refurbished for use during a health care mission to a developing nation.
- Lions may give donated hearing aids to participating manufacturers who issue credit to the Lions for all useful parts. This credit value is

then applied towards the purchase of new hearing aids for persons who have limited ability to pay.

HOW TO DONATE

Put hearing aids in original package or a zip lock bag along with all the **spare batteries**. Deposit the used hearing aids and batteries in a Lions hearing aid or eye glass collection container.

The batteries are really needed due to their inability to be refurbished.

"Deafness still remains isolating - even more so than blindness. When you're blind, you lose touch with things, but when you're deaf, you lose touch with people."

Helen Keller

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To donate used glasses and hearing aids (including sunglasses and reading glasses), place them in the specially marked Lions Recycle For Sight collection boxes located at please drop off your used glasses at the following locations:

Schnucks Supermarket (Big Bend & S. Elm, Webster Groves - at the Pharmacy Counter)
Webster Eye Care (Big Bend Blvd)
Webster Groves Public Library (West Lockwood)
Webster University
Shepherd's Center @ the Christian Life Center, West lockwood, Webster Groves
Webster Groves Recreation Complex (S. Elm & Glendale Rd)
Porter's Fried Chicken
Shur-Way Auto Body
Webster Groves Christian Church
Clarkson Eye Care (Webster Groves)
Crown Vision Center (Kirkwood, 343 S. Kirkwood Road)
Gerber Chapel (Webster Groves)
Prudential Advantage Realtors (West Lockwood, Webster Groves)
Webster Vision Center (8458 Watson Road)
Webster Groves Presbyterian Church (4 West Lockwood, Webster Groves)



June BBQ
 Our 3rd BBQ is June 12/13th.
 Please sign up with Lion Becky.

July BBQ
 Our July BBQ and Carnival is July 1...4th. Please sign up with Lion Becky



Beer Tasting

Tickets: \$25 in advance \$30 day of event.
 Admission includes: Souvenir tasting glass, light hors d'oeuvres, and unlimited samplings of select year-round, seasonal, and limited release Schlafly beers.
 Cash bar and full menu also available.
 Silent auction Raffles 50/50 drawing
 Limited seating
 Date: Saturday, May 30th
 Time: 7:00 - 11:00 PM
 Location: Schlafly Bottleworks
 7260 Southwest Avenue
 Maplewood, MO
 For Advance Tickets or more information:
 by email - contactus@webstergroveslions.com
 by phone - call Ryan at 314-974-7760

#ChooseYourDay

100 days of SUMMER 100 days of HOPE

WEBSTER GROVES LIONS BLOOD DRIVE

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

8352 Watson Road on the Red Cross Bloodmobile
 Located by former Sappington Farmers Market

To make an appointment, please call Mike Swederska at 314-799-1998 or visit redcrossblood.org (Sponsor code: WebsterGrovesLions)

Walk-ins welcome, appointments take priority.
 All donors must present a photo ID.

Blood is especially needed this time of year. Please schedule your donation today.
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Don't forget the Webster Groves Lions Blood Drive, Friday June 12th at the June BBQ. Tell your friends and neighbors.

90th Annual Fourth of July BBQ and Carnival



Don't forget the Fourth of July BBQ, Carnival and Parade. 1st thru 4th of July. Contact any of the Chairs listed below to volunteer.

2015 COMMUNITY DAYS CARNIVAL WEBSTER GROVES LIONS CHAIRMEN/WOMEN

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------|--|
| CARNIVAL | JOHN GREGORY | 314-303-5795 | jwgregoryco@att.net |
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| PARADE CO-CHAIR | SANDY HALAMA | 314-795-7456 | sandra.m.halama.civ@mail.mil |
| PUBLIC RELATIONS | TOM LOGGER | 314-287-0973 | tlogger3@aol.com |

Committee Chairs:**Membership Chair:**

Lion Ryan Whittington,
Cell: 314-974-7760

Email: ryan@seniorshomecare.com

Welfare Chairman

Lion Mike Swederska
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Email: shur-way@sbcglobal.net

Carnival Chair:

Lion John Gregory
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Scholarship Chair:

Lion Phil Hunt
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Officers

President – Lion Teddi Speeler

IPP - Lion Vicky Swederska

1st Vice President – Lion Rob Halama

2nd Vice President – Lion John Gregory

3rd Vice President – Lion Sandy Halama

Secretary – Lion Becky Speeler

Treasurer – Lion Norma Belcher

Tail Twister – Lion Tony Baumstark

Lion Tamer – Lion Fred Yoder

Board of Directors

Lion Lee Scherzer

Lion Bill Belcher

Lion Sharon Christ

Lion Lou Schopper

**Electronic Waste**

Do you have surplus electronic gear cluttering up your house? Get rid of it at Midwest Recycling Center at 11139 S. Towne Square, Mehlville (behind the old Casa Gallardo off S. Lindberg). Anything electronic.



<http://midwrc.net/st-louis-electronics-recycling/>



On Saturday April 25, 2014 the Webster Groves Lions Club provided a much needed lunch to the more than 100 volunteers at the 300 Trees for Webster planting event. Based on the amount of laughs and smiles, the event was a success and we fulfilled the lions motto - "We Serve"

Thanks to Lions Greg Hanser, Derek Bean, Dennis Donze and Ryan for their help.

Hazardous Household Waste

Do you have Hazardous Household Waste cluttering up your house or garage? Dispose of them at the Lemay HHW Facility (www.hhwstl.com).

What materials are accepted at the facility?

Residentially generated wastes including: paints (oil-based, craft and hobby paints), stains, varnishes, pesticides, herbicides, poisons, gasoline and other fuels, solvents and strippers, aerosols, motor oil and filters, gas cylinders (BBQ pit size or smaller), fluorescent tubes, rechargeable batteries, antifreeze, brake and transmission fluid, pool chemicals and other acids and bases, car batteries, wood preservatives, driveway sealant, and items

Bausch & Lomb Catered Picnic

The Webster Groves Lions catered picnic for Bausch & Lomb employees for the 3rd consecutive year.

A total of 300 persons were fed in less than an hour.

Fourteen Lions participated in this function with a total of 100 man-hours involved.

This would not be possible without the help of all of these lions. I am grateful that our lions are there to not only support the club, but to follow me into this catering event and make it a great showing for our club. Thank you all for all you do.

Lion Greg Hanser

Second and Third BBQ of the Season

The Webster Groves Lions held their 2nd and 3rd BBQ of the season on April 10th & 11th and May 8th & 9th. The BBQ also featured was gluten free fried fish on the 10th.



We had an excellent turnout on both weekends in spite of downpours on the 8th & 9th of May. We did sell 40 lbs. of fish on Friday the 10th for a profit of about \$500.00 and we have some meat left over for a good start next month.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who turned out to tow trailers, and to staff the BBQ on Friday and Saturday. Many of these volunteers put in 12 hours days.

June Birthdays

Lion Ryan Whittington - 1st

Lion Mike Swederska - 25th

Lion Bill Wood - 28th

Lion Sharon Christ - 28th



June Anniversaries

Lion Becky Speeler - 8 yrs

Lion Bill Belcher - 30 yrs

Lion Dave Cosgrove - 4 yrs

Lion Derek Bean - 2 yrs

Lion Don Gerber - 56 yrs

Lion Jerry Clubbs - 17 yrs

Lion Scott Young - 26 yrs

Lion Teddi Speeler - 10 yrs

July Birthdays

Lion Pat Rabbitt - 1st

Lion Pam Rosen - 4th

Lion Teddi Speeler - 18th

Lion Derek Bean - 29th

Lion Vicci Turner - 31st

July Anniversaries

Lion Dave Rabbitt - 8 yrs

Lion Mike Swederska - 11 yrs

Lion Ruth Loerch - 27 yrs

Lion Sharon Christ - 18 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 with a stamp.

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

Keep an eye out for the next squeal!

If you have any news or pictures please submit to Lion Fred!



It's called **reading**.
It's how people install new software into their brains.

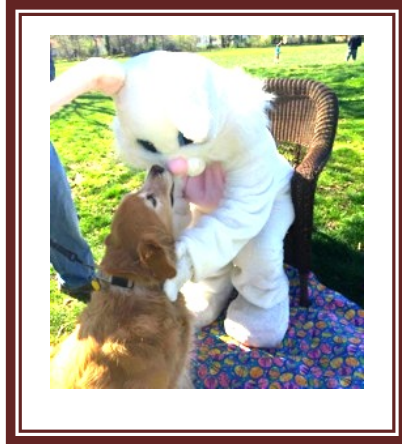
LION SCOTT YOUNG

FEATURED LION

Who Is It: Lion K. Scott Young
 Married to: Dottie
 Children: Kellie
 Resides in: Maplewood
 Pets: None (Not enough time)
 Church: Webster Gardens Lutheran
 Born and Raised: Western New York (Buffalo)
 Childhood dream Career: A job I could make 1,000/year of my age
 Something we don't know about you: Taught school; built my own furniture
 Talents: Athletics and remodeling
 Free Time: Fishing, hunting, Honey Dooos
 Hobbies: Fishing and hunting
 Proud Accomplishment: Awesome marriage and family
 Favorite Holiday: Valentine's Day (Got engaged)
 Favorite Food: Pizza
 Favorite Movie: The Blind Side
 Favorite TV Show: Outdoor Channel - Hunting & Fishing
 Favorite Music: Country and some Oldies
 What Do You Like About Your Job: 5:00 - Quitting time
 Why Do You Like Being A Lion?: Satisfactions and fulfillment of helping others
 Why Did You Become a Lion?: Lion Leo made me!

FEATURED LION

THIS COULD BE YOU!
 Fill out a form at next meeting!



*Webster Groves Lions Easter Egg Hunt
April 4, 2015
A total of 186 "hunters" participated. A great time was had by all. Many thanks to the volunteers who "nested" 2,000 eggs.*



*Lion Becky preparing for the Parade of Flags
26-M2 District Convention
March 27, 2015*

Imponderables

Why Do Traffic Signals Use Red, Yellow and Green Lights? Why is The Red Light On Top, Green Light On The Bottom, and the Yellow Light in Between?

Traffic signals actually predate the existence of the automobile. One was installed outside of British Parliament in 1868. This signal (and some early American variations) had two semaphore arms, like a railroad signal, that acted as a physical impediment to oncoming traffic.

The English device was designed to control the flow of pedestrians, and some feature was needed to make it functional at night. The easiest solution was to adapt the system used for railroad signals—red and green gas lamps would signify when one could proceed (green) or had to stop (red). This British prototype wasn't a rousing success—it blew up shortly after its introduction, killing a London policeman.

A lively controversy has developed over where the first modern traffic signal designed to control automobile traffic was in use. Although Salt Lake City and St. Paul lay claim to the crown, the green-red signal installed on Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1914 is generally credited with being the first.

Although the traffic signal's colors might have been arbitrarily lifted from the railroads, there is an important safety reason for the consistency of the configuration today. As recently as the 1950s, many traffic signals, especially in busy urban intersections, were displayed horizontally rather than vertically. The current vertical design with red on top was adopted in order to aid color-blind individual who might be confused by different layouts. According to Eugene Robbins, president of the Texas Good Roads/Transportation Association, the red in traffic signals has some orange in it and the green some blue in order to make it even easier for the color blind to distinguish them.

From "Why Do Clocks Run Clockwise?"



Sausage Casserole

From the Kitchen of Lion Dick Roth

1 lb. Sausage
 ¼ cup Chopped onion
 1 cup Sliced celery
 1 ½ cups Uncooked rice
 2 cans Chicken broth (20 oz.)
 ½ cup Slivered almonds, toasted
 1 tbl. Soy sauce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Fry sausage, do not brown. Sauté celery and onions in small amount of sausage grease. Drain sausage well and add to the rice, sautéed celery and onions. Pour in chicken broth. Add almonds and soy sauce. Bake in large covered casserole dish (quarts) about 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Spanish Beans

From the Kitchen of Lion Dick Roth

¼ lb. Bacon
 2 cans Green beans
 1 Onion, chopped
 1 can Condensed tomato soup
 ¼ - ½ cup Brown sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees
 Cook bacon until crisp.
 In an ovenproof casserole dish, stir together green beans, onion, soup, bacon, and sugar to taste; bake for one hour.

Publication Dates:

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

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