

# Webster Groves Lions Newsletter

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Celebrating our 92<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
2017

President Lion John Gregory

Members: 74



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**"We Serve"**

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Lions  
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## President's Message

To The Lions of Webster Groves

'A motley crew are we  
And what a good thing, that is, for  
us to be!'

As we fast approach our biggest  
event of the year, let's remember, we  
need all hands-on deck.

But let's also remember, that when  
we pledged to participate in club  
functions, to the best of our ability,  
that participation is going to differ from  
one member to the next. I don't think  
it's a coincidence that the words  
"health" and "wealth", differ by only  
one letter.

The only thing we truly have on this  
earth is our time. And it's unfortunate  
that we can't be two places at once.

Certainly, time invested with the  
LIONS, is time well spent. Every  
member has worth, has value, and  
brings their own set of abilities and  
skills to the club. Let's pledge to  
recognize, what we members do, and  
not look for what we don't.

We have to work as a team, back up  
one another, and most of all be kind to  
one another.

The best leaders I'm sure, lead by  
example.

MOTLEY CREW (defined) An odd and  
often mismatched assortment of  
people/ a group of friends or  
teammates who don't seem like they'd  
work well together, but somehow, they  
do.

President Lion John Gregory



### Freedom

*"[W]e look forward to a world founded  
upon four essential human freedoms.*

*The first is freedom of speech and  
expression--everywhere in the world.*

*The second is freedom of every person  
to worship God in his own way--  
everywhere in the world.*

*The third is freedom from want--  
which, translated into world terms,  
means economic understandings which  
will secure to every nation a healthy  
peacetime life for its inhabitants--  
everywhere in the world.*

*The fourth is freedom from fear--  
which, translated into world terms,  
means a world-wide reduction of  
armaments to such a point and in such  
a thorough fashion that no nation will  
be in a position to commit an act of  
physical aggression against any  
neighbor--anywhere in the world."*

--Franklin Roosevelt

Happy Independence Day

### 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](mailto:speeler36@hotmail.com)

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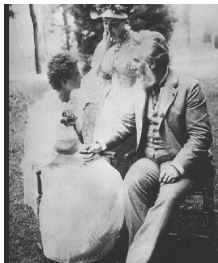
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Helen Keller with Anne Sullivan and Alexander Graham Bell. They are simultaneously using three modes of communication: spoken language between Miss Sullivan and Dr. Bell, the manual alphabet between Miss Keller and Dr. Bell, and lip reading between Miss Keller and Miss Sullivan. Circa 1894.



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.

**WHY WE PAY DUES**

WHY DO OUR MEMBERS PAY CLUB DUES, AND WHY SHOULD THEY BE PAID IN A TIMELY MANNER.

Our club has two sources of income, one is defined as ORDINARY INCOME and the second as PUBLIC FUNDS INCOME. There are limitations on what each of these funds can be used for, both by Lions Clubs International and from the IRS.

ORDINARY INCOME is income generated from within the Lions organization whether from our club or from other clubs, and these funds may be used for either the administration and operation of the club, or for any charity or public programs.

PUBLIC INCOME is income, as the name implies, derived from the public. This income may result from fund raisers, raffles offered to the public, donations, or any other monies obtained from a public source. These funds may only be used for public programs and charities, and may not be used for any of the club's administrative or operations.

The major source of our ORDINARY income is through the payment of our dues. In addition, revenue may be generated for the club by raffles held during meetings, Tail Twister fines, credit card rewards and eScript income, etc.

In addition, there is income from the purchase of meeting meals, parties, and the like; however, these incomes are offset by their associated expenses. If the costs exceed the income due to members committing to attend, but do not show up, this excess cost must come from our dues.

The major administrative and operating expenses for our club are the dues and fees we pay to Lions Clubs International and Lions District 26-M2. These fees and dues amount to approximately 50% of the dues we pay. Other expenses are printing and club supplies, website maintenance, postage, memorial flowers and gifts, and some miscellaneous expenses.

In addition, any overage from meeting meals, dinner meetings, social events not fully covered by admission fees, also must come out of these dues.

As these expenses occur throughout the year, it is imperative that our member dues are paid in full, on-time.

An additional problem with finances occurs because our fiscal year starts April 1<sup>st</sup>, but dues are not due until July 1<sup>st</sup>. This means that from April 1<sup>st</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup>, our club has no ORDINARY INCOME, except that which is left over from preceding years, with which to operate.

The club needs to ensure that sufficient Ordinary funds are left at the end of the fiscal year to cover any anticipated administrative and operating expenses between April 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> of the next fiscal year..

**GMT/GLT**

You may have wondered as to what this is when you receive the monthly District calendar or our club calendar. The following is extracted from the MISSOURI LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 26 CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:

*Section 14. Global Teams: In addition to the various State Committees, there shall be the following Global Teams with a State Coordinator for each. The term of office for each State Coordinator shall be three years:*

- (a) *Global Membership Team (GMT): The State GMT Coordinator, working with the 13 Council of Governors, shall develop, implement and administer continuing programs to promote the growth of membership and enhance retention in current clubs, and to promote establishment of new Lions Clubs throughout the State.*
- (b) *Global Leadership Team (GLT): The State GLT Coordinator, working with the Council of Governors, shall develop, implement, and conduct seminars and training forums for club and district officers at the Multiple District level, develop standard formats for seminars and training forums to be implemented by the Districts, at their option, on the district level, and to encourage the attendance at such seminars, forums and training sessions by members of all levels of Lions experience, especially "new" Lions.*

**Lions Eye Foundation Of District 26-M2  
 (Carried in our budget as District Eye Foundation)**

District Eye Foundation is our foundation it provides financial help to our District Eye Care Committee and District Sight Committee. It also makes donations to other Lions supported organizations.

**District 26-M2 Lions Eye Care, Inc.  
 (Shown in our budget as District Eye Care Committee)**

District 26-M2 Lions Eye Care, Inc. provides eye surgeries to indigent individuals (such as: cataract surgery, glaucoma treatment, artificial eyes). This is a committee has 11 members throughout the district. It receives funding from the Lions Eye Foundation and club donations.

**District Sight Committee  
 District Sight Committee provides eye glasses to indigent individuals. It gets its funding from clubs and the Lions Eye Foundation**

**WG Lions Welfare has helped 10 people with eye glasses, exams and other vision related issues since April of 2016. Since Lion Mike started as Welfare Chair in April 2011, WG Lions club has helped 150 people with vision issues.**

Fourth BBQ of Season

The fourth BBQ of this calendar year will be June 9/10. Please contact Lion Becky at [speeler22@hotmail.com](mailto:speeler22@hotmail.com) to volunteer. There is always something to do.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the June BBQ on Friday June 9th. Please go to the club website and download a flyer. [www.webstergroveslions.org](http://www.webstergroveslions.org)

92nd Annual Carnival and BBQ

July 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Park at the corner of South Elm and East Glendale in Webster Groves.

We will be located on the Webster Groves School District Hixson parking lot again this year due to renovations of the field where we are normally.

Please see page 4 for a complete contact list if you wish to volunteer.

April/May BBQ's

The April BBQ was a great success. The weather cooperated, 84 degs Friday with a little rain in the afternoon. Saturday was sunny all day but windy. Again, the fried cod was a popular item. May BBQ, weather was great, business was great. It seemed like we had a continuous line of customers from late morning until early evening. Many thanks to the Lions and volunteers who helped.



End of a Long Day!!

"2017 EASTER EGG HUNT"

This year's Easter Egg Hunt was a rousing success, maybe too much so. With nearly 200 children and associated parents and guardians, there was quite a crowd. There were many more toddlers and 3 -4 year old's than expected, and even though over 2,000 eggs were "nested", these age groups were shorted. In addition, there were a few sight impaired children in attendance for which we were totally unprepared. We do have a "beeping" egg. Need to make sure we are better prepared next year.



Thanks to the Lions who volunteered to corral all of these youngsters.

We had nearly 200 children hunting eggs.

Welcome our newest member, Lion Tom Lenartson



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!!!



## Webster Groves Lions Club College Scholarships

The Lions Club of Webster Groves College Scholarships have been presented annually since 1964. The program was originally developed and supervised by Warren E. Gerlach, a life-long resident of Webster Groves and a long-time member of the Webster Groves Lions Club. The purpose of the WG Lions Scholarship program is to assist a deserving student to pursue a career through higher education.

A Gerlach/Webster Groves Lions Club College Scholarship is available to a high school senior who resides within the boundaries of the Webster Groves School District. The scholarship awards may be applied to higher education after a student has been evaluated and approved by the Gerlach/Webster Groves Lions Scholarship committee.

The Webster Groves Lions Club awards \$1,000 scholarships to selected college bound Webster Groves students or residents, who are in their senior year.

A scholarship committee evaluates applications from students, and selects those to be awarded scholarships based on need, academics, and community service.

The scholarship awards for FY2017-2018 are

Warren Gerlach Awards:

Charles Sears  
Daniel Kennebeck  
Emma Kerbler  
Brittany Hartung  
Emily Parker  
Kathleen Placke  
Emma Austin  
Jane Benkelman



Art Lowenau Award  
Luke Roerman

Ted Bellan Award  
Emily Rapp

And thanks to Mrs. Linda Greenlaw for sponsoring the Ted Bellan Award.

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## June Birthdays

Lion Ryan Whittington - 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Lion Mark Harris - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Lion Bill Otto - 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Lion Diane Harris - 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Lion Mike Swederska - 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Lion Sharon Christ - 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Lion Bill Wood - 28<sup>th</sup>



## July Birthdays

Lion Pat Rabbit - 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Lion Pam Rosen - 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Lion Lee Keefer - 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Lion Georgia McGuire - 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Lion Teddi Speeler - 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Lion Joe Pineger - 25<sup>th</sup>

## June Anniversaries

Lion John Rabbit - 9 yrs  
 Lion Becky Speeler - 10 yrs  
 Lion Teddi Speeler - 12 yrs  
 Lion Jerry Clubbs - 19 yrs  
 Lion Scott Young - 28 yrs  
 Lion Ruth Loerch - 29 yrs  
 Lion Bill Belcher - 32 yrs  
 Lion Don Gerber - 58 yrs

## July Anniversaries

Lion Joe Pinegar - 1 yrs  
 Lion Tony Baumstark - 3 yrs  
 Lion Luke Baumstark - 3 yrs  
 Lion Derek Bean - 3 yrs  
 Lion Mike Swederska - 14 yrs  
 Lion Sharon Christ - 20 yrs

### Perfect Attendance

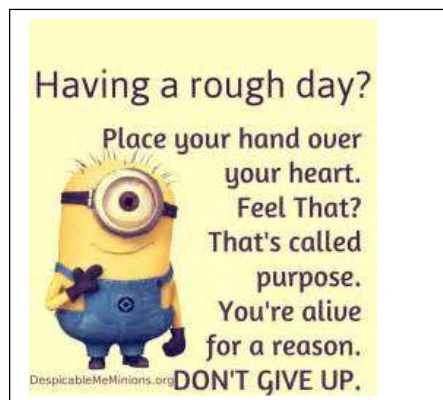
In order to receive a perfect attendance pin, you must attend all 22 meetings. If you miss a meeting you can make it up by working a function, or attending another Lions meeting (Board Mtg., Zone Mtg., etc.) within a two-week time frame.

### 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 John Gregory.

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



## LIONS TEDDI SPEELER &amp; ROB HALAMA

FEATURED LION

Who Is It: Lion Teddi Speeler  
 Married to: Widow  
 Children: Theo (28) & Becky (27)  
 Resides in: Affton  
 Pets: Two cats K.C. & Nugget  
 Church: Christ Memorial Lutheran  
 Born and Raised: Webster Groves  
 Childhood dream Career: Professional Dancer  
 Something we don't know about you: I won a car in Las Vegas  
 Talents: Gardening, cooking, dancing  
 Free Time: Going to movies, playing bingo, reading  
 Hobbies: Working in my yard or garden  
 Proud Accomplishment: My children  
 Favorite Holiday: Christmas  
 Favorite Food: Pork chops and fried spaghetti  
 Favorite Movie: Wild Hogs & Grown Ups  
 Favorite TV Show: NCIS  
 Favorite Music: Rock n Roll, Oldies  
 What Do You Like About Your Job? Working with kids  
 Why Do You Like Being A Lion? Helping others.  
 Why Did You Become a Lion? To give back.

FEATURED LION

Who Is It: Lion Rob Halama  
 Married to: Lion Sandy Halama  
 Children: Alex, Nicole, Sam & Fivel  
 Resides in: In a House (Des Peres)  
 Pets: (See children above - you figure out which is which?)  
 Born and Raised: Yes, I was! (Affton)  
 Childhood dream Career: Dentist  
 Something we don't know about you: Pre-Lions, from 1997-2005, I built parade floats for the Greentree Parade for Cub Scouts, Girl scouts, North Kirkwood Middle & Kirkwood High Schools  
 Talents: Cooking, many others too numerous to mention in such a small space  
 Free Time: Travel, camping, but wait - what free time? See below..  
 Hobbies: Trying to find free time!  
 Proud Accomplishment: Raising kids that aren't jerks.  
 Favorite Holiday: Christmas  
 Favorite Food: My own cooking  
 Favorite Movie: Young Frankenstein  
 Favorite TV Show: Big Bang Theory  
 Favorite Music: Toe-tapping Oldies  
 What Do You Like About Your Job: Satisfaction in creating or fixing things  
 Why Do You Like Being A Lion: Like to help others, and it keeps me off the streets.  
 Why Did You Become a Lion? When Alex made Eagle Scout and left the troop, we had extra time on our hands. Apparently, Lion Sandy's brother, Lion Mike did not think that extra time was acceptable; so here I am.



2010 Carnival



Officer Installation Dinner 2017



District Governor Lion Jack's Final Visit 2107

**WHAT IS A BLUE MOON?**

“Once in a blue moon” is an expression for something that rarely happens, and of course it leads people to ask, what is a blue moon?

A literal blue moon occurs when enough smoke or dust is present in the atmosphere to make the moon appear blue. This occurred back in 1883, when the Indonesian volcano Krakatoa exploded, and in 1950, when masses of smoke from Canadian bush fires filled the air.

The first use of the expression was in a 1528 book, where a blue moon referred to something that would never happen, similar to the saying “if the moon was made of green cheese”. In the 1700s, meanwhile, saying “I’ll marry you when the moon is blue” was not a marriage proposal but a statement denying that there was any chance of marriage.

The expression “once in a blue moon” came to mean something that happened only occasionally. An edition of *The Maine Farmers’ Almanac* from the 1800s defined a blue moon as the third of four full moons that occurred in a season. The first full moon was known as Lenten Moon, the second was known as Paschal Moon and the third—if it did appear, which was a rarity—was known as Blue Moon, and it’s from the almanac that the modern meaning of the expression is derived.

In March 1946, the author of a *Sky & Telescope* magazine article misinterpreted the reference to the blue moon in the 1937 edition of the almanac, interpreting the blue moon to be the second full moon in a single calendar month, and this interpretation of the term became popular and still exists today. In fact, the average interval between full moons—ie, the lunar month—is twenty-nine and a half days, which is shorter than the average calendar month of thirty and a half days. This makes two full moons in the one month possible but rare. A blue moon generally happens forty-one times every century, which equates to once every two and a half years. It can occur in any month except February (which is too short) and is most likely to happen in either January or March, because they each contain thirty-one days and are separated by February.

**How well do you know St. Louis?**

**Where was the first McDonald’s in St. Louis?** The first McDonald’s in St. Louis (and Missouri) opened on Watson Road in 1958, then known as Hwy 66. It was walk up only. There’s still a McDonald’s there at 9915 Watson Road in Crestwood.

**When was the St. Louis City Police created?** In 1846. The St. Louis Board of Aldermen created the police force from the old City Guard, the City Marshall, Day Police and the “Keeper of the Caboose.”

**When was the first catcher’s mask used in the National League?** 1877. Mike Morgan of the St. Louis Brown’s is believed to be the first catcher to use a mask.

**What was the first U.S. Interstate highway?** 1-70 in St. Charles was the first: construction bids were awarded in 1956.

**What U.S. police department was the first to use fingerprints for identification?** The St. Louis Police has that honor—they are credited with first using the new technique in August of 1904.

**When was the first tram ride to the top of the Arch?** July 24, 1967.

**What is the world’s longest pedestrian bridge?** The Chain of Rocks bridge is the world longest foot bridge. Built in 1929, the bridge was closed to car traffic in 1968.

**When did Six Flags over Mid-America first open?** June 1971. It’s now just Six Flags St. Louis, even though it’s in Eureka.

**Where was the first public kindergarten school?** The first U.S. kindergarten was opened by Susan Elizabeth Blow in 1873. It was located at the Des Peres School at Carondelet.

**Where did the state motto come from?** Missouri is the “Show Me State” thanks to Congressman William Vandiver of Cape Girardeau. He once said in 1932, “Frothy eloquence neither convinces nor satisfies me, I’m from Missouri, you’ve got to show me.”

**Crab Mousse**

(Compliments of Lillian Colombo)

**Ingredients**

1 Can of Mushroom Soup  
2 Pckg (3 ozs) Cream Cheese  
¼ cup Cold Water  
1 Pckg Unflavored Gelatin  
¾ Cup Finely Chopped Celery  
¾ Cup Chopped Green Onion  
1 Cup “Real” Mayonnaise  
2 Pckgs Imitation Flaked Crab

**Directions**

Mix soup and cream cheese over low heat until melted and blended.

Dissolve gelatin in ¼ cup cold water. Stir over low heat until completely dissolved.

Add to soup and cream cheese mixture.

Stir in remaining ingredients and pour into a 4-cup mold that has been well greased with mayonnaise and refrigerate..

Turn out of mold, and serve with crackers, party rye or stuff celery sticks.

Enjoy.

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Oct/Nov - September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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