

# THE SQUEAL

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## Presidents Message

Dear Fellow Lions,

The annual Webster Groves Lions Carnival & BBQ has successfully concluded. To all the Webster Groves Lions, family, friends, other volunteers and fellow lions that attended or came out and bought BBQ **THANK YOU!**

Riding in the parade was almost a spiritual experience, there such a feeling of responsibility to the community. Really I cannot thank you all enough for coming out and participating in the Webster Groves Lions club largest fund raiser of the year. Your hard work will help bring sight to those around the world who need glasses, or to bring back sight to those who cannot see. Our Lions motto is "We Serve" and we served a lot of BBQ and beverages in four days. It is only with

your effort, that we can help others. Thank you again for helping us create lasting memories and for your participation and patriotism.

Lion President  
Timothy G. Rabbitt

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 25<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting  
@ The Hearth room 6:30pm

August 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting @  
Shur-Way 7:00pm

August 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting @  
the Hearth Room 6:30pm

August 9&10<sup>th</sup> BBQ at the old  
Sappington Market location on  
Watson Rd.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> Business Meeting  
@ the Hearth Room 6:30pm

August 24<sup>th</sup> Wine Tasting @  
Garland Wines in Old Orchard



## Lion of the Month

Larry M. Schumaier

For the month of June, Larry has taken on being the Chairmen of the Community Hot Dog giveaways. He was well organized at the Baseball Opening Day. I can't wait until the next Hot Dog giveaway. Way to go Larry!

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I would like to send a Thank You out to the Board of Director of the Webster Groves Lions Club for allowing me to make some very big changes this year at our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Community Days Carnival and BBQ. If you did not attend you missed a great time. I think everyone that did come out enjoyed themselves. The weather was picture perfect, and moving the Mid-Way opened up the area around the food, beer, and soda tents.

There were a couple of new rides this year which seemed to be a hit with the young people and there were corn dogs, French fries, and Nachos. We had a great band (The Rhythm Rockers) that played on the Hixson field which also seemed to be liked by many. I would also like to **THANK** my Carnival Chair Heads again for without your hard work and dedication we could not have been so successful.  
Lion Teddi Speeler  
Carnival Chair



Welcome new Members  
David Franklin,  
Sponsor Lion Teddi Speeler

Susan Mello,  
Sponsor Lion Becky Speeler

Tom Loger,  
Sponsor Lion Vicci Turner

Remember to ask your family and friends if they would like to become a Lion. Don't be hurt when they turn you down ask again another time who knows they may say yes.

### June and July Birthdays

#### June

Ryan Whittington  
Mike Swederska  
Bill Woods  
Sharon Christ

#### July

Pam Rosen  
Patrick Rabbitt  
Teddi Speeler  
Vicci Turner

### June and July Anniversaries

#### June

Bill Belcher  
Mary Bohn  
Jerry Clubbs  
David Cosgrove  
Don Gerber  
John Rabbitt  
Teddi Speeler  
Becky Speeler  
Scott Young

## July

Sharon Christ  
Rebecca Mitchell  
David Rabbitt  
Richard (Dick ) Roth  
Mike Swederska



Hey Lions if you have not heard we are having our Third Annual Wine Tasting Event. Where you ask, at Garland Wines in Old Orchard. There will be 20 different wines, beer sampling, silent auction, a raffle for a wine basket. Doors will open at 6:30 tasting to start at 7:00pm. The cost for this great event is \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. Come out support your club and have a good time.



We are having a Region 1 Zone 2 meeting at the Hearth Room on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to a good turnout. Lion Eugene Taylor will be one of the speakers talking about Midwestern Braille. He is very passionate about this subject, he will have a lot of information and visuals, hands on things to see and touch.

I am sending this out because I missed the Squeal last month. Thank you Mike for always taking care of the Blood Drive.

Everyone already knows the annual blood drive was in June. I have been trying to figure out a way to say how I feel to the people that went out of their way to give. The line was long at times but the donors waited. I know of several donors that were turned away due to having a cold or low iron. The look on your faces was so heart breaking. I can only come up with one word to pass along the gratitude I, Red Cross and the Webster Groves LIONS have for all of you that turned out. THANKS...A HUGE, HUGE THANK YOU!!!!

Your donations will help save more lives than you can imagine.

Mike Swederska Sr.

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From your club secretary

Hello fellow lions I am sending out the invoices for the 2013-2014 dues, please send them back in as soon as you can.

Lion Becky Speeler  
Secretary

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“Follow your Dream” is the Theme of This years, International President Barry Palmer he is

encouraging Lions everywhere to follow their dreams. Take Responsibility by serving your community. Reach out to other service-minded individuals by recruiting new members and helping your club perform at its highest level.

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If there are any golfers out there here is an opportunity for you to shine. The Webster Groves Lions Club Golf Tournament is coming up September 21<sup>st</sup> at Deer Creek Golf Course. We need golfers, and volunteers to make this work. We will also need items for goodie bags. If you have golfers in mind have them call Lion Patrick Rabbitt or if you just want to help we can use you.



Don't forget Lions to recycle your old glasses. Tell your family, co-workers, and friends. At the last eye glass wrap 2400 glasses were cleaned and sorted. We have several locations to tell people to drop them off.

You can go to the Webster Groves Lions website to get a list of those locations. Thank you for your help with this, after all sight first is what lions are about.

Our August BBQ is coming up soon and we will need workers on both days to make it work. If you can give 2 hours or more it will be a big help. Please check with Lion Becky about filling a spot. [Speeler22@hotmail.com](mailto:Speeler22@hotmail.com) or call her at 314-724-3735. Thank you

#### **Feline Float Finds Fame in Front of Fan-Favorite Foodery!**

After his sixth appearance as our mascot in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Community Days Parade, our unnamed friend settled into his place, once again, in front of our World Renowned Food Emporium (The world of Webster Groves anyway). Yeah, I know it's a tent, just roll with it.

His accoutrements this year dealt with many of the local charities to which the Webster Groves LIONS give funding. This year's theme was "Show-Me Creativity" and we chose to show how the LIONS help create better lives for those in need.

Our Lion was festooned with a LIONS cap and vest. LION Pat Rabbitt's truck was decked out with Mylar fringe in LIONS colors and, well, a deck. On this deck we had a recycled eyeglass donation can, two

BBQ pits depicting our hot-dog giveaways, and placards representing Leader Dogs, World Services for the Blind, Camp Happy Day, St. Louis Crisis Nursery, D.A.R.E., Make a Difference Day, the WG Firehouse BBQ, the WGHS Scholarships, Baseball Opening Day, Midwest Braille, St. Louis Area Food Bank, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and Webster/Rock Hill Ministries.

We felt that everyone watching the parade could easily see just how much the LIONS do in their neighborhood.

Judging by the smiles, the waving, the laughter, the dancing and singing by the crowd to our music as we drove by, it seems we did just that, and did it in a fun way.

Thank you Lions Rob and Sandy for your hard work on our wonderful float this year

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Fellow Webster Groves Lions Club Members!

I would like to first say way to go!! Our 2013 Community Days Carnival was simply AMAZING!! The weather was perfect, the food was fantastic, the midway was awesome and the band was rocking!! I couldn't think of a better way to spend my July 4th holiday. I am sure the citizens of Webster Groves feel the same, just look at the turn out. All of those people supporting us, so we can support people in need. It is such a blessing when you think about it.

I personally would like to take the time to thank each and every single Webster Groves Lions Club Member for your help with this year's carnival. Whether you were standing by me in the food tent, helping the bbqer 's cook up some groceries, helping with the soda, helping serve the beer, helping the field crew, helping in parking, helping with the midway, or helping in the office and tickets. One way or another you were helping us bring JOY to the community of Webster Groves.

To all the non- member volunteers I simply could not have done it without you. We worked together like a well-oiled machine. Everyone knew their task and completed it with care. The Webster-Rock Hill Rockets Track Club, Young Life, The Webster Rock Hill Ministries, and The Girl Scouts I cannot thank you enough for your hard work in this year's Community Days Carnival. From the bottom of my heart I say THANK YOU and I APPRICIATE all of your efforts to make the food tent so successful.

Yours in LIONISM  
Food Tent Chair  
Lion Becky Speeler

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I know one thing for sure I'm so proud to be a Webster Groves Lion.

Webster Groves Lions  
Carnival 2013

#### Food sold

##### Sides

Potatoes 300 lbs.  
Corn on Cob 21 cases  
Cole Slaw 100 gals.  
Pork n Beans 114 gals.

##### Meat

200 10oz Sirloin Steaks  
1650 1/3 lb. Brats  
1760 Hotdogs  
2760 1/3 lb.  
Hamburgers  
920 1lb Pork Steaks  
800 1/2 Slab Ribs  
570 1/2 Chickens  
400 Rib Tip servings  
2080 Cheese Slices  
Total 6003LBS

Just thought you would like to know how much food went through the Food Tent.

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##### From your Tail Twister

Please be sure to wear your Lions gear to the meeting, shirts, hats, pins etc... will do otherwise you will pay a fine.  
Thank you,  
Lion Bill Belcher

Don't forget Lions we have a matching funds account. The Webster Groves Lions will match your donation to your favorite charity. Just submit it to a board member to be brought forward and voted on.

Happy Reading!  
Editor, Lion Teddi Speeler