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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

9-1-09

Lions President Message

What makes a good Lion? Everyone has asked ourselves this question once or twice soon after becoming a Lion or maybe even just prior to joining the club. Everyone joins the Lions club for whatever their personal reasons may be at that time. It could have been a family member or friend suggesting or pushing a little to get you to join. You might have thought it would be just another network club for your business. But once you have joined the Lions, you soon realize that it is not what you envisioned the club to be. A whole other world opens up to you as a member of the Lions.

As you participate in the meetings and fundraising functions, you find that it is not the original personal reason keeping you active as a Lion. Your original reason may seem trivial to you as a much bigger picture opens up. You'll start to realize the other members are doing what things far more important than what their first personal goal was when joining also.

When I think of my personal reasons for makes a good Lion. I think of members having a giving heart. The members that drop out of the Lions for whatever reason may have done so without getting to find that important reason to stay as a Lion.

I can list many reasons that make a good Lion. Having a caring and giving heart comes to mind first. A

member that is willing to give up themselves for the community and fellow club members could be a big requirement that makes a good Lion. I could go on and on about each and every reason that someone could think of that would make a good Lion, I just don't have the space and time here to do that.

For me it is all of the reasons mentioned along with the biggest reason that I have heard and learned from other Lions over the years. "If it is not fun it is not Lionism."

Be a leader in your club; Take the initiative to help others in the club. Be supportive in whatever way you can to the members that are going about their duties as Lions. I know that we shake hands at every greeting with a fellow Lions. What a great tradition. Ask yourself, when was the last time you mentioned how proud you were of being a Lion? When was the last time you said to a fellow Lion how very happy you are having them as a part of the club you're so proud of. What ever you can give of yourself you will be rewarded inside your heart many times over.

The message to my fellow Lions members would be, if you want to get back to what you found in the beginning as a Lion. Be a part of your club; get reacquainted with your fellow members. Make new friends and most of all have fun.

Mike Swederska Sr,
 82 President Webster Groves
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Hey Lions don't forget about the Golf Tournament on September 26th at Deer Creek for more information call Lion Pat Rabbitt

Lion of the Month July

Ryan Whittington

Lion Ryan a Father of two and a very active Lion. He is the Membership Chair and Monthly BBQ Chair is always going the extra mile in Lionism.

Hey Lions we have a BBQ coming up on September 11th and 12th. Lion Ryan will be sending out a sign-up sheet if you can give a couple of hours helping sign up. So you are always welcome to come help as we raise money for those needy organizations that rely on us.

Got News or Tips for

The Squeal

Send to Teddi Speeler

DID YOU KNOW

Sight Programs

In 1990, Lions established Sight First, a US\$215 Million global initiatives to fight the major causes of Preventable and reversible blindness. The Unprecedented program joins Lions volunteers with Blindness prevention experts and organizations and

Governments. The more than 900 Sight First grants Have:

- provided more than 7.3 million cataract Surgeries and prevented serious vision loss for 27 million
- supported 114 million treatments for river Blindness
- built or expanded more than 300 eye Hospitals/clinics/wards and upgraded more than 337 eye centers with equipment
- improved eye care in 90 countries around the World
- trained more than 345,000 ophthalmologists, Ophthalmic nurses, other professional eye care Workers and village health workers

Lions launched Campaign Sight First II to raise at Least US\$150 million to continue and expand the Extraordinary work of Sight First. Lions concluded Campaign Sight First II in June of 2008. After three Years of intense fundraising, Lions far surpassed the US\$150 million minimum goal.

DID YOU KNOW

I believe most Lions know that on June 30th 1925 in Cedar Point, Ohio, Helen Keller asked Lions, at our international convention to become Knights of the blind in a crusade against darkness.

But did you Know thru Lions funded eye research programs 80% of what caused blindness then is now cured or methods have been found prevent blindness. When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple: **WE SERVE.**

Life is either a daring adventure – or it is nothing.

Helen Keller

I have asked Fred Yoder to write another article about recycling. Since we as Lion are trying to help the environment.

eCycling

The use of electronic products has grown substantially over the past two decades, changing the way and the speed in which we communicate and how we get information and entertainment. Our growing reliance on electronics is illustrated by some remarkable figures. According to the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA), Americans own approximately 24 electronic products per household. With the rapid progress in technology, many of these devices are discarded and replaced.

This is a list of e-cycling businesses that recycle or dispose electronic equipment in Missouri. The list below contains only businesses that have registered with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources'. New Voluntary Tiered Registration Program.

EPC Inc.
4025 Lakefront Court
Earth City, MO
636-443-1999
www.epcusa.com

State-certified facility. Accepts electronic equipment from small businesses and individuals. Any fees are based on type of equipment dropped off.

Web Innovations and Technology Services Inc. (WITS)
643 East Holly Ave
St. Louis, MO
314-382-1650
www.witsinc.org

Accepts all electronics, household goods and electronics, medical, lab and networking equipment from individuals, organizations, businesses and corporations. All items accepted free of charge, except computer monitors/screens and large appliances.

DCAL Services, LLC
2609 Rock Hill Industrial Court
Rock Hill, MO
314-918-8833
www.dcalervices.com

Accepts all electronic equipment from any source. All items accepted free of charge, except computer monitors/screens and color televisions.

Pro Computers and Consulting
6484 Clayton Ave
St. Louis, MO
314-761-6234

Accepts computer monitors, televisions, computers and electronic equipment.

All items accepted free of charge.

Thank you Lion Fred.

Bowling report:

The Lions bowling league is underway and things are shaping up fast. If you're not doing anything on Mondays come by Crestwood Lanes and cheer us on.

Here is a picture from Winter Park after Mike's week of recuperation. We took this on the way out of town returning home.



To all Lions I'm asking everyone to let me know if you would like your Squeal Newsletter sent to you by hard copy mail or email.

tspeeler@aol.com

From The Tail Twister

For the two meetings in September please bring winter hats and gloves, kids or adults. We will then donate them to Epworth Children's Center and Rock Hill Ministries.

After last month's donations and fines we were able to give well over \$100.00 in school supplies to the Webster Groves School District.

As always be sure to wear your Lions gear a shirt, hat vest, name tag will do.

Upcoming Meeting

September 10, General meeting @ The Barn 6:30pm.

September 10 after regular meeting Budget Meeting

September 24, General meeting @ The Barn 6:30 pm.

Oct 1st Board meeting 6:30 @ The Swederska Garage Apartment

Maplewood Mouse races

Saturday September 19, @ 6:30 p.m. Webster Groves

Lions have sponsored two races and the mice in thoughts races are named after your Board of Directors. Proceeds to Campaign Sight-First and Vets on the Home Front. So if you are interested in going contact Lion Leo or Lion Jean Martin with Maplewood Lions 314-645-3670.

Peace Poster Contest:

We have two schools participating and have a judging committee of four. Lions Becky, Teresa, Rob, and Teddi will over- see the contest and vote on posters.

There will be 84 eight graders and the Theme is "The Power of Peace"

If you did not read The Lions That Roar issue the district is having an Environmental Photo Contest. There are five categories. You may enter your photos of the environment without people. The deadline for this is December 7th, and the Cabinet will be voting. The five categories are, Animal Life, Landscape (urban or natural), Plant Life, and

Weather Phenomenon. Send your photos to lion Kimberly Taylor call her @314-560-8383

Also Lions if you just have a picture you want in The Squeal forward those to Lion Teddi.

Upcoming Events

September 26th Lions Golf Tournament Contact Lion Pat Rabbitt.

October 3rd Firehouse Open House

October 9-10 BBQ @ Sappington Market

October 22nd Diabetes Screening @ the Barn 6:00pm

October 24th Make a Difference Day

Quotes:

Never bend your head. Always hold it high.

Look the world straight in the eye. Helen Keller

Live well, laugh often, Love always. Anonymous

A smile is contagious, is yours worth catching.

There are three kinds of people in the Lions,

Lion's can be divided into three groups:

1. Those who make things happen, (because they heard about what was happening and acted upon what they heard.)

2. Those who watch things happen, (because they heard about what was happening but did not act on it)

3. And those who wonder what's happening. (because they didn't listen to or read about what was happening they had no opportunity to be involved, Lionism without action (work) is NOT Lionism)-- Anonymous

Be a Lion that makes things happen in our community, here is another opportunity.

Reminders: What is happening, Where is it happening, and When is it happening.

*Event one--
What is happening?: Fire House Open House

Webster Groves Fire House Open House: It is part of National Fire Safety Week.

The W.G. Lion's will be serving (giving away) hot dogs, cold drinks, chips, and cookies.

Where is it Happening? Fire house # 1 behind City Hall on Lockwood & Elm.

When is it happening?
Saturday October 3rd, 10:00am to 1:00pm

*Event two--
What is Happening?: Make a Difference Day

W. G. Lion's will be Serving (giving away) hot dogs, cold drinks, chips, and cookies to those that make a difference in our community by volunteering.

Where is Make a difference Day Happening? Webster Groves Recreation Complex/Aquatic Center.

When is make a Difference day?: Saturday October 24, 2009, 10:00am to 1:00pm

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR BEING LION'S THAT MAKE THINGS HAPPEN IN AND FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Remember "WE SERVE".

See Tim Rabbitt to get involved, cell 636 262 1099

Joke of the Month

In Honor of Labor Day!

The Elevator

In the weeks before Labor Day, a poor country farmer called Joe won \$280,000. In the Kansas City Cashball. As a treat he took his wife and kids to see the Labor Day Parade in New York. They booked into the Trump International near Central Park. Having never been further than their home town they were bowled over by the glitz of the Big Apple.

Joe and his son Eli were especially mesmerized by a shiny box with silver walls. They had

never before met doors that could move apart, and then automatically come back together again. Neither had seen an elevator before. Therefore, they were amazed when a little old lady entered the shiny box and the doors closed.

The lights outside on the wall flashed for a minute, and then the doors opened and out came a beautiful young woman. Joe turned to his son Eli and said "Go get your mother."

Grandparents Day is September 13th

An elderly woman and her little grandson, whose face was sprinkled with bright freckles, spent the day at the zoo.

Lots of children were waiting in line to get their cheeks painted with tiger paws. You've got so many freckles, there's no place to paint! A girl in line said to the little fella. Embarrassed, he dropped his head. His grandmother knelt down next to him, "I love your freckles. When I was a little girl I always wanted freckles" she said, while tracing her finger across the child's cheek. "Freckles are beautiful!" The boy looked up, "Really?" "Of course" said the grandmother. "Why, just name one thing that's prettier than freckles?" The little boy thought for a minute looked into his grandmother face and said "Wrinkles"

Happy Labor Day

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Happy Grandparents Day

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