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## November Presidents Message

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Message**  
**October was probably the busiest month of the year for the Webster Groves Lions "TEAM". Lion Greg lead the team to another successful Firehouse Open House, followed by the Bausch & Lomb lunch catering, which was very profitable for us as a fundraiser. A couple days later was our Governor visit which was a blast, as we gave \$18,000 to our District. It was a lot of fun to host the Dignitaries of our District and show off a little, with our**

**donations. That weekend, we finished our BBQ season with another successful fundraiser – this is tough work, and all help is so appreciated – it takes a lot to pull these off, and some people are wearing, so let's have good participation in the upcoming year. The regular meeting hosted Peace Posters winners and their families (thanks Lion Becky). We shined, rewarding these kids, and announcing we have fulfilled the Gates Challenge, contributing \$15 Million worldwide for the Measles Initiative. The month ended with Make a Difference Day and Candy Day at the same time – all went well. November slows**

down a bit, but don't forget about our Turkey Day Lunch on Wednesday for the football team, coaches and cheerleaders. Remind all your friends and family about our Texas Hold'em tournament on December 7<sup>th</sup>. December 13<sup>th</sup> is our Christmas party, where we get to celebrate all the hard work we do all year to be so successful. Congratulations to Lion Teddi for being October Lion of the Month. She is always so busy, right now working hard on Christmas Child. Thanks to all that had fun as a Lion and worked our functions – you deserve to be proud of yourself and your Club.

**Lion President Scott**

**Got News**  
**Send it to Lion Teddi**  
**Speeler**

You can email her or call her @314-724-3721

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 21<sup>st</sup> Football Luncheon for the football team, cheerleaders and coaches. 11:00 am @ the Hearth Room

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting Shur-Way 7:00pm

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Texas Hold'Em Tournament @ the Hearth Room

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party the Hearth Room

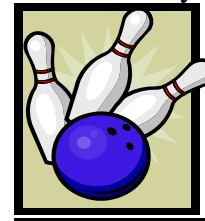
January 3 Board Meeting

Children's Hospital pillows I have more material and a couple of patterns for those who want to help and did not get supplies. I am still looking for people to make pillows and if you have pillows done please bring them in so I can get them turned in. Thank you in advance of those helping with this project. If you want to help see or call Lion Teddi Speeler

### **Christmas Child**

The Christmas Child project went well again this year we were able to put together 28 boxes that will stay here locally. The Webster Groves Lions should be very proud of the job we did because there will be 28 happy kids on Christmas morning. Thank you

Lions Teddi and Becky



### Bowling League

Here are the standings as of November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Meramec North**

**Webster III**

**Webster I**

**Patrick's Harem**

**Webster II**

**South Side**

They bowl on Mondays at Crestwood Lanes if you are looking for something to do come out and watch it's a good time.

**Family, Hope, Blessings, faith, friends, Love, Good Times, Cherish, Gratitude, Joy, Charity, Value Family Members, Respect, Things to think about this time of year.**

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

I send out an email about the Christmas Party to those who have email if you did not receive it here are the details. It will be at The Hearth Room on December 13<sup>th</sup> cocktails start at 6:30 dinner at 7:00, we will have a gift exchange game bring a \$15.00 gift. We are hoping for a guest appearance, and a lot of fellowship time. Please RSVP so I can figure out the amount of food and cheer to get. Thank you Lion Teddi 314-724-3721.



**Our own club's Texas Hold'Em Tournament is coming up on December 7<sup>th</sup> we need players call all your friends and get a table. The money we raise is going to some great charities like Leader Dog, Back-stoppers, DARE etc... make checks out to Webster Groves Lions Club, check in 6:00 start 7:00 cost \$45.00. Hope to see you there.**



Holiday Safety Tips

**More than 20,000 people die in home accidents every year and about a third of all injuries occur there. Holiday time can be very hazardous if you don't follow safe practices so before you start to "Deck the Halls this year"**

- \*Check insulation on electric cords and inspect for any other damage before using them. Make sure tree lights are approved – look for underwriter's laboratory tag.
- \*Never place electrical cords under rugs and don't overload circuits, match the plug to the outlet.
- \*When displaying a tree, cut off about two inches off the trunk and put the tree in a sturdy, water holding stand. Keep the stand filled with water so, the tree does not dry out.
- \*Stand the tree away from fireplaces, radiators, or other heat sources. Make sure the tree does not block foot traffic or doorways.

\*When putting up holiday decorations, always use the proper stepstool or ladder to reach high places. Don't stand on chairs, desks, or other furniture.

\*When you climb, always face the ladder and grip the rungs to climb – not the side rails. Always keep three points of contact on the ladder whether two hands and one foot, or two feet and one hand. When climbing keep your hips between the side rails and do not lean too far or overreach. Reposition the ladder closer to the work instead.

\*When preparing a holiday meal for friends and family be sure to wash your hands, utensils, sink and anything else that has come in contact with raw poultry.

\*Never defrost food at room temperature. Thaw it in the refrigerator, in cold water or in the microwave.

\*Also Don't over drink and drive. Just some common sense things that we might sometimes forget.

Midwinter Forum

**The Midwinter Forum in Branson will be February 8-10. We will be hosting the Hospitality Room on Friday night this coming year. There are always good classes to attend and I will know what they are soon. Also this year as they did last year is provide bus transportation the cost is \$60.00 per person leaving at 5:00pm arriving in Branson around 8:00pm. We will be staying at The Grand Plaza Hotel more information to come.**



December Birthdays

- Kim Pepple 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Don Belfour 6<sup>th</sup>
- Bud Halteman 15<sup>th</sup>

Vicky Swederska 18<sup>th</sup>  
Cress Auinbauh 20<sup>th</sup>  
Marshall Yost 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

December Anniversaries

- Mark Cereghino 12/1990
- John Gregory 12/2010
- Michelle Johnson 12/2010
- Richard Halteman III 12/1984
- Zack Tullock 12/2010

SouthSide Lions Roar Show

**This coming show is The Gizzard of Oz the Governors night will be March 2, 8:00pm show time at St. Magdalen Gym again this year. Southside is gearing up for a great show.**

**Member Orientation** this is for Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Membership Chairs it will be a class on ways to build and keep members. It will be held the 13<sup>th</sup> of January at the Beuford Club at 1:30pm lead by Lion Joe Foster popcorn and soda will be available. More info to come

**A good reminder with the holiday, giving season ahead.**

- Lions Club International
- Delta Gamma
- The Salvation Army
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Disabled American Veterans
- The Military Order of Purple Hearts
- The Vietnam Veterans

Association  
Make a Wish  
St. Jude Research Hospital  
Ronald McDonald Houses  
Humane Society

**Don't** forget while you are watching TV you could be clipping coupons for the troops. It's a great way to help our service members. Even if they are expired they can still use them so get clipping. Bring them to Lion Teddi at a meeting when you have a bag full. She will get them to the right place.

**Story of the Month**

A Dog's Purpose (from a 6-year-old boy).

*Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.*

*I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.*

*As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.*

*The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so*

*calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.*

*The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."*

*Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try and live.*

*He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The Six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."*

*Live simply.*

*Love generously.*

*Care deeply.*

*Speak kindly.*

*Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:*

*When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.*

*Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.*

*Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy.*

*Take naps.*

*Stretch before rising.*

*Run, romp, and play daily.*

*Thrive on attention and let people touch you.*

*Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.*

*On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.*

*On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.*

*When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.*

*Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.*

*Be loyal.*

*Never pretend to be something you're not.*

*If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.*

*When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.*

***ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY!***

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Merry Christmas  
And a  
Happy New Year

Happy Reading  
Until next time!

