

# Webster Groves Lions Newsletter

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Celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

President Lion Teddi Speeler



We lost one of our own. Lion Bill Kleffner, a member since 1980, a Melvin Jones Honoree, passed away on July 25, 2015. He will be sorely missed.

## President's Message

Fellow Lions,

-Well summer is winding down and fall is fast approaching. I sit here looking back over the past few months and I can't help but feel a sense of pride and accomplishment for our club. We had our first beer tasting event at Schlafly Bottle works, and it was a huge hit! It was well attended by both Lions and non-lions! Our June barbecue was busy and the blood drive reached 25 donors, our highest yet! Our carnival this year proved that our club works so well together to get things done, this year's carnival was full of surprises and our club members handle these surprises with strength and ease! Thank you to all the Lions and their families that came out and supported the carnival in any capacity.

Looking into the fall, we have Wine tasting with a new venue for more space. Let's fill this venue with Lions and guests to make this event thrive. As always we have our August, September, and October barbecues. Thank you to all of the Lions who give up their weekends to help with these events. The community

really comes out and supports us and our barbecues. We have a new event coming up! This event will be a free health fair on October 17th 2015, all are invited.

While writing this I am thinking about how successful our club is and how fortunate we are to have a community and a school district that supports us in such an amazing way! Without them we wouldn't be able to impact so many lives.

I leave you with this thought, Albert Einstein once said "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile".

Thank you for your service and allowing me this great opportunity to serve with you!

President Lion Teddi Speeler

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Our Motto  
"We Serve"

Webster  
Groves  
Lions  
Est 1925

**Officers**

President – Lion Teddi Speeler  
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 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. – Lion Rob Halama  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. – Lion John Gregory  
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Helen Keller Meets Charlie Chaplin  
 In 1919

**A THOUGHT FROM THE IPP**

As many of you know and all the others may look forward to, being president of this club keeps you on your toes. Everything you focus on is making your club better, keeping people involved by raising their interests, adding new fundraisers or sometimes just reinforcing the fellowship to staff our traditional fundraisers. It is mind-boggling to imagine how involved in the community this club is. We are so fortunate to have the experience, the energy and the drive of each and every member. That is what makes the Webster Groves Lions exceptional.

Recently I was thinking about how different it is after I became Immediate Past President. The pressure was off but I am still active in every activity my schedule allows. That leads me to question how do we keep Lionism as a top priority in our busy life? I mentioned it to Lion Mike and he suggested I write this article.

My personal thoughts are that there is always something else going on and a lot of times that something is very important to us. But many times it just takes better planning to be a part of the fundraising activities our club does.

We have been adding fun activities to our palette but we can't forget our monthly BBQs that we are known for. If every member would volunteer for a shift at the monthly BBQs... Wow, how nice would that be!

There are faces we haven't seen for a while. Now is a great time to reacquaint yourself, meet the newer Lions. We have a great bunch of people in the club. Let's re-energize old faces while keeping the fellowship going with the already active members.

And don't forget "if it isn't fun, it isn't Lionism."

IPP Lion Vicky

**WELFARE REPORT**

The Webster Groves Lions club processed one eye care assistance application at the end of May. The application was received from the Webster Groves Rock Hill Ministries.

Some time ago I was asked by a member; just how many used donated eye glasses does our club receive? Well, I gave it some thought and talked to Lion Phil Karrer whom helps me with the eye glasses. We both came to the same conclusion about volume. We decided that last year we had processed two pickup truck beds full. Yes, I said two truck beds full of eye glasses.

We are on track for close to the same amount this year.

Lion Mike Swederska

**WHAT HAPPENS TO THESE GLASSES**

Glasses are collected by individual clubs; each club turns over collected glasses to the district. Periodically, an "eye wrap" is held to sort and package eye glasses for further processing. An "eye wrap" was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Maplewood Lions Club.

Usable glasses are separated from unusable ones; precious metal frames are separated and sent to precious metal processors; unusable frames and eye glasses are sent to other recyclers. Nothing is wasted.

Usable glasses are then distributed to the poor around the world.



Maplewood Eye Wrap  
 May 9, 2015

August BBQ

Our 4<sup>th</sup> BBQ is  
August 13/14<sup>th</sup>.

Please sign up with  
Lion Becky.

September BBQ

Our September BBQ  
is September  
11/12<sup>th</sup>. Please sign  
up with Lion Becky

Wine Tasting

September 26<sup>th</sup>

Health Fair

October 17<sup>th</sup>

For more information please  
contact Lion Teddi Speeler  
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## Wine Tasting Event (Upcoming)



Admission includes:  
Souvenir tasting glass, light  
hors d'oeuvres, and  
unlimited samplings of  
select vintage wines.  
Craft beers will be also  
available for tasting.

Date: Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:00 - 10:00 PM

Location: (To be determined)

For Advance Tickets or more information:

Contact

Lion Larry Suiter (314-993-0068)

Lion Sandy Halama (314-965-7456)

Watch our website for up-to-date information

[www.webstergroveslions.com](http://www.webstergroveslions.com)

## Health Fair (Upcoming)

October 17<sup>th</sup> is our health fair. It's a free event for the community and it's open to the public. . It's a great opportunity to get a checkup, have your eye checked as well as your hearing tested. There will be a chance to have your cholesterol looked at and a diabetes test. There will be other doctors there from chiropractic to general health. I can't think of a better opportunity to have these tests done all in one location.

For more information please contact  
Lion Teddi Speeler via email at  
[speeler36@hotmail.com](mailto:speeler36@hotmail.com).

The event will be held at the Hawkins  
House hearth room located at 1155  
South Rock Hill rd. St. Louis MO 63119.  
It will be held from 10am-2pm.  
Look forward to seeing you there!

## 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Fourth of July BBQ and Carnival



Our Carnival and BBQ wasn't quite what we had hoped for after wet weather forced the four-day celebration from its usual spot on Memorial Field to nearby parking lots.

Two days before the event kicked off, it was decided to move the festivities to the parking lot located to the east of Moss Field and to Ambrose Way.

Because the festivities were held on the majority of parking lot space that would normally be open for fair parking, people were encouraged to park at nearby lots on and off Watson Road and take the free shuttles to and from the fairgrounds.

Due to the changes in location, food sales were down due to the smaller crowds, and beer sales were down since alcoholic beverages were not permitted on school property which included most of the carnival rides and the food tent.

All things considered, it turned out better than expected. Hopefully we can make up lost revenue with the remaining monthly BBQs.

As a footnote, Carnival Chair Lion John Gregory can claim the record for "least field damage".

Thanks to all Lions, families, and volunteers who made this carnival the success that it was.

Read more: <http://www.websterkirkwoodtimes.com/Articles-Webster-Groves-i-2015-07-10-195830.114137-Attendance-Down-At-Annual-Community-Days.html#ixzz3fWm1u8pD>

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Radon is a radioactive gas. It is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and chemically inert. Unless you test for it, there is no way of telling how much is present.

Radon is formed by the natural radioactive decay of uranium in rock, soil, and water. Naturally existing, low levels of uranium occur widely in Earth's crust. It can be found in all 50 states. Once produced, radon moves through the ground to the air above. Some remains below the surface and dissolves in water that collects and flows under the ground's surface.

**What health effects are associated with radon exposure?**

The Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. Only smoking causes more cases of lung cancer. It is widely agreed that radon exposure is the second leading cause of lung cancer.

**How often is indoor radon a problem?**

Nearly one out of every 15 homes has a radon level the EPA considers to be elevated.

**How does radon get into a building?**

Most indoor radon comes into the building from the soil or rock beneath it. Radon and other gases rise through the soil and get trapped under the building where they build up pressure. Air pressure inside homes is usually lower than the pressure in the soil, therefore, the higher pressure under the building forces gases through floors and walls and into the building. Most of the gas moves through cracks and other openings. Once inside, the radon can become trapped and concentrated.

**Can the radon level in a building's air be predicted?**

The only way to determine the Radon level is to test. The EPA and the Surgeon General recommend testing all homes below the third floor for radon.

Self-use test kits for Radon are available at many places: Lowes, Home Depot, etc.. There are a number of Radon test contractors also available.

**Lions Night at the Races**

24 Lions, family and friends enjoyed a night a Fairmont Race Track on June

**June Blood Drive**

The Webster Groves Lions Blood Drive on at the June BBQ had a good turnout. 25 persons gave blood. Thank you to all who gave.

**Fourth BBQ of the Season**

The Webster Groves Lions held their 4th BBQ of the season on June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.



The June BBQ was a great success. We had record breaking Friday grossing over \$5,600, \$800 more than any Friday in our 15 year history of our little BBQ's. Our 2-day gross was over \$11,000 with a net of over \$4,300 plus we still have hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, pork steaks and 80# of rib tips for a good start on our August BBQ.

We make a good team to put out a great product, that our customers come back for month after month. Thank you to all that helped; we could not do this without you!!!!!!

Lion Leo Christ

## August Birthdays

Lion Bill Belcher – 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Lion Sandy Halama – 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Lion Phil Hunt – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Lion Tom Logger – 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Lion Tim Rabbitt – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Lion Kurt Weisenfels – 8<sup>th</sup>



## September Birthdays

Lion Tony Baumstark – 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Lion Tim Donze – 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Lion Larry Schumaier – 28<sup>th</sup>

## September Anniversaries

Lion Greg Hanser – 27 yrs  
 Lion Bill Otto – 6 yrs  
 Lion Pat Rabbitt – 17 yrs  
 Lion Lee Scherzer – 4 yrs

## August Anniversaries

Lion Mike Capriglione – 14 yrs  
 Lion Dennis Donze – 28 yrs  
 Lion Harris Gerhard – 21 yrs  
 Lion Jim Greenlaw – 14 yrs  
 Lion Tom Logger – 2 yrs  
 Lion Kim Pepple – 17 yrs  
 Lion Larry M. Schumaier – 13 yrs  
 Lion Vicky Swederska – 11 yrs

### Perfect Attendance

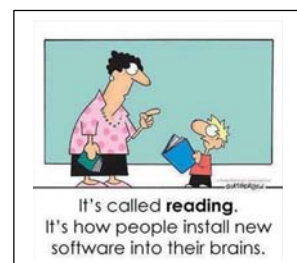
In order to receive a perfect attendance pin, you must attend all 26 meetings. If you miss a meeting you can make it up by working a function within a two week time frame.

### 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

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!



## LIONS GREG HANSER &amp; TOM LOGGER

FEATURED LION

Who Is It: Lion Greg Hanser  
 Married to: Carole  
 Children: 0  
 Resides in: Kirkwood  
 Pets: 1 cat (Pudden)  
 Church: St. Louis Family Church  
 Born and Raised: Webster Groves  
 Childhood dream Career: Working for myself in construction  
 Something we don't know about you: I hate crowds  
 Talents: Can stick a spoon on my nose  
 Free Time: Gardening  
 Hobbies: Fixing things  
 Proud Accomplishment: Being a Lion (28 years)  
 Favorite Holiday: Halloween  
 Favorite Food: Pizza  
 Favorite Movie: Young Frankenstein, Airplane  
 Favorite TV Show: Big Bang Theory  
 Favorite Music: Country  
 What Do You Like About Your Job: Don't have to do physical labor  
 Why Do You Like Being A Lion?: The members are like a second family  
 Why Did You Become a Lion? Father and Godfather were Lions; worked for club  
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FEATURED LION

Who Is It: Lion Tom Logger  
 Married to: (Single)  
 Children: 1; 3-grandkids, 7-siblings, 16-nieces/nephews  
 Resides in: Webster Groves  
 Pets: None  
 Church: St. Michaels  
 Born and Raised: St. Louis  
 Childhood dream Career: Professional Golfer  
 Something we don't know about you: Went to college in Hawaii  
 Talents: Golf, volunteering  
 Free Time: Volunteering; time with grandkids  
 Hobbies: Golf, grandkids, fund raising, family  
 Proud Accomplishment: Past President (twice) Vianney Alumni  
 Favorite Holiday: Christmas  
 Favorite Food: White pasta with broccoli  
 Favorite Movie: Godfather  
 Favorite TV Show: NCIS  
 Favorite Music: Doowop and soul  
 What Do You Like About Your Job: Retired, Volunteering, grand kids  
 Why Do You Like Being A Lion?: Helping make a difference; fellow Lions  
 Why Did You Become a Lion? To be involved helping community



*Webster Groves Lions Beer Tasting Event  
May 30, 2015  
A total of 85 "tasters" participated. A great time was had by all. Many thanks to the volunteers and contributors.*



*90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Carnival & BBQ  
July 1 - 4, 2015*

*Blast from the Past  
Lion Fred's wife and boys in 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade 1976.*

## Imponderables

### *Why Are There 5,280 Feet in a Mile?*

The word *mile* comes from the Latin word for one thousand, *mille*. So why aren't there 1000 feet in a mile? The Romans measured a mile as 1000 Roman paces (i.e., 2000 steps) by their marching soldiers; since the average marching stride was about five feet, the Roman mile was almost exactly 5000 feet.

The British were partial to the furlong, a unit of measurement that is used now primarily at horse racetracks. Even before written records of land were kept, British farmers built stone walls to demarcate fields whose length was standardized—the plowmen dug furrows the equivalent of 220 modern yards. *Furlong* was the slurred pronunciation of "furrow-long", and the furlong became the designation for 220 yards.

When Britain adopted the mile, farmers insisted that it be tied to their basic unit of measurement, the furlong. The Roman mile consisted of a little more than seven and one half furlongs. Rather than change their beloved furlong, the British changed the length of the Roman mile. Instead of 5000 feet, the British mile became eight furlongs, or 1760 yards, the exact measurement we now use today—5,280 feet.

This also explains why the length of horse races is described in furlongs: Racetracks are exactly eight furlongs in circumference—a one-mile race is exactly one lap, and each furlong is an easy to visualize one-eighth of a mile.

From "Why Do Clocks Run Clockwise?"



## Historical Tidbit

Webster's "40-Acres", now known as Memorial Field, etc., apparently was a rock quarry in the early 1900's. When quarried out, this area became the Webster Groves Community "dump".

It was subsequently purchased by the school district and the city.

## Cheeseburger Soup

*From the Kitchen of Lion Sharon Christ*

½ lb. ground beef	¾ cup chopped onion
¾ cup shredded carrots	¾ cup diced celery
1 tsp. dried basil	1 tsp. dried parsley flakes
4 tbsp. butter, divided 1 and 3	3 cups chicken broth
4 cups diced peeled potatoes	¼ cup all-purpose flour
2 cups diced velveeta cheese	1 ½ cups milk
¾ tsp. salt	¼ tsp. pepper or to taste
¼ cup sour cream	

1 - In a Dutch oven, brown beef; drain and set aside. In the same pan, sauté onion, carrots, celery, basil and parsley in 1 tbsp. butter until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Add broth, potatoes and beef; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10 to 12 minutes or until potatoes are tender.

2 - Meanwhile, in a small skillet, melt remaining butter. Add flour; cook and stir for 3 to 5 minutes or until bubbly. Add to soup; bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low. Add cheese, milk, salt and pepper; cook and stir until cheese melts. Remove from the heat; blend in sour cream. Yields: 8 servings

## German Cucumber Salad

*From the Kitchen of Lion Vicky Swederska*

2 Medium Cucumbers	4 Green Onions, thinly sliced
3 Small Tomatoes, sliced	2 Tbl. Snipped Fresh Parsley

### DRESSING:

1/4 cup Sour Cream	1/4 teaspoon Prepared Mustard
2 Tbl. Minced Fresh Dill	1 Tbl. Vinegar
1 Tbl. Milk	1/8 Teaspoon Pepper

In a bowl, combine cucumbers, onions, tomatoes and parsley. Combine dressing ingredients; pour over cucumber mixture and toss gently. Cover and chill for at least one hour.

Yield: 4-6

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