

# Webster Groves Lions Newsletter

## Squeal

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Celebrating our 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
2016

President Lion Teddi Speeler



We have lost two of our own; Lion Cress Auinbauh, a member since 1969, and Lifetime Member and Melvin Jones Fellow, Lion Dick (Bud) Halteman, a member since 1951

## President's Message

Fellow Lions

Now that the holidays have officially wound down, we can get back to business.

Starting with our March BBQ, we will have a busy weekend. Our customers have missed us over the winter months and they will be glad that were back. If you are interested in signing up to work a shift or two please sign up with Lion Becky.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Easter Egg Hunt will be in March as well. This is a wonderful free event for the community of Webster.

Don't forget about the District Convention. It will be held March 18-20<sup>th</sup>. The hospitality night will be Friday and that's always a blast. If you have never been you should consider attending. The Saturday's Melvin Jones Luncheon is always informative and it's an honor to acknowledge all the Melvin Jones Fellows in our district. The Banquet is on Saturday night and the guest speaker is usually an international director. There's still time to sign up to attend both the luncheon and the banquet. You can sign up with Lion Becky as well.

Our club has been touched with the loss of two of our fellow Lions. Lion Richard "Bud" Halteman Jr passed away in January. He had been with the club for 60 plus years. He was a good Lion and was very active in our club; you could find him serving beer at the July 4<sup>th</sup> carnival and on Monday nights he would be at the bowling alley, watching the Lions league. He was a sweet man with a big heart and he will be missed. Also, Lion Cress Auinbauh, a member since 1969 passed away Thanksgiving day. Please continue to keep their families in your prayers.

I only have a few months left in my presidency. Where did the time go? It's so hard to believe that it's coming to an end. I have been so blessed to be a part of this club and to have been its leader this past

year.

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting or event.

President Lion Teddi Speeler

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"We Serve"

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### HOW CAN I BE A GOOD LION?

*A good lion is one who is excited about the wonderful services that Lions worldwide provide to those in need. A good Lion is one who is active and enjoys meeting new people and experiencing new situations.*

*A new Lion might be a little overwhelmed with the organization and our lofty goals. Soon you will learn how you can become involved, and stay involved!*

*The most beneficial thing that you can do as a Lion is to go to club meetings. The fellowship and informal interaction will help you get to know more about the people you will serve beside. The next thing you should do is learn as much as you can about Lionism. If there is a program or activities that interest you notify the contact person and get more information. Don't be afraid to ask questions.*

*Take some time to think about your skills, talents, or interest. What do you like to do? What excites you? What would you or can you do to make a difference? Get involved with specific causes or activities that motivate you. If these do not currently exist, make a proposal to add that activity to the club agenda. Don't be afraid to go for it.*

*Finally, be proud to be a Lion and wear your lapel pin!*

**Officers**

President – Lion Teddi Speeler  
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**What Did Our Club Do in Year 2015!****Fund Raisers****Monthly BBQ's**

We held seven 2-day BBQ's (March, April, May, June, August, September, and October). Although the weather did not always cooperate, they were a success.

**4th of July Carnival**

Our carnival in 2015 can be described as a challenge at best. Heavy rains just prior to the event left the field where we normally setup, a soggy mess. With cooperation of the Webster Groves School District, the carnival was relocated to the Hixson Middle School parking lot. This reduced the number of rides we could erect, and prevented beer drinking in the BBQ tent, much to the dismay of many. In spite of the challenges, the carnival was a partial success, but did greatly reduce the amount of charitable contributions we could make this year,

**Beer Tasting Fundraiser**

Our club held its First Annual Beer Tasting Fundraiser at Schlafly Bottleworks in Maplewood. It was well attended and we look forward to the Second Annual Beer Tasting.

**Wine Tasting Fund Raiser**

We held our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting event at the Webster Groves Christian Church. This was a new venue for us this year, and while the facility was quite convenient, the event was not well attended, possibly because of the change in venue to a less familiar place.

**Bausch & Lomb Picnic**

For the third year, the Webster Groves Lions catered the Bausch & Lomb Company picnic. This event is provided by the Bausch & Lomb Company to their employees.

The Lions cooked for and served over 350 people, chicken, hot dogs, and hamburgers complete with all toppings, sides of potato salad and baked beans.

**Community Events****Easter Egg Hunt**

We held an Easter Egg Hunt for children at Southwest Park in Webster. Over 1,000 eggs were 'laid' by volunteers in several areas, each for different age groups. The Easter Bunny posed for photos with the children. Over 150 children attended.

**WG Baseball Season Opening Day**

As we have done many times in the past, our Lions cooked and served over 300 hot dogs, beverages, and snacks, to the baseball players, coaches and families.

**Make A Difference Day**

The cities of Webster Groves and Shrewsbury hold a Make A Difference Day every fall to involve the residents and other volunteers in community improvement projects.

Our Lions Club cooked and served over 300 hot dogs, beverages and snacks to the volunteer workers.

**WG Tree Planting Project**

The Webster Groves City provided trees and gave assistance for their planting to beautify North Webster. Our Lions cooked and served over 300 hot dogs, beverages, and snacks, to the workers and their families..

**Pancakes with Santa**

Volunteers from the Lions cooked pancakes and sausages, for 100 or more, children of all ages and their families. Each child received a gift package from Santa, as well as an opportunity for a photo with Santa, cookie decorating, and sticker games.

**WG Fire Department Open House**

The Webster Groves Fire Department has an annual open house at Fire House No. 1 to allow the community up close contact with the firemen and equipment. Games were provided for the children as well as a fire safety demonstration. As we have done several times in the past, our Lions cooked and served over 300 hot dogs, beverages, and snacks, to the community.

**BBO**

March 11/12  
General Grant  
Center parking lot.  
Sign up with Lion Becky  
to help.

**District  
Convention**

March 18, 19, &  
20<sup>th</sup>.

Go to  
[www.lions26m2.org](http://www.lions26m2.org)  
for complete  
information.

**Installation**

**Banquet**  
March 26<sup>th</sup>  
Call Lion Teddi for  
more info.  
314-724-3721

**First BBQ of the  
Season**

The first BBQ of the 2016 season will be held March 11/12. Since this is the season of Lent, we will have fried fish on the menu.

As always, we need volunteers to set up, cook, serve and clean-up. Please contact Lion Becky to volunteer.

**Officer Installation  
Dinner**

The 2016 - 2017 Officer Installation Dinner will be held March 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Genesis Banquet Center, 2651 Telegraph Road, St. Louis, MO 63125.

Cocktails at 6:30 pm

Please make a reservation with Lion Teddi Speeler via email at [speeler36@hotmail.com](mailto:speeler36@hotmail.com).

Look forward to seeing you there!



2015-2016  
Installation  
of President  
Lion Teddi

**District Convention**

District 26-M2 Annual Convention will be held on March 18-20, 2016.

The Convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Westport. This is where all the Saturday business meetings, luncheon, voting, banquet and Sunday memorial service will be held.

The Hospitality night will be on Friday night at the Moolah Shrine Center at 12545 Fee Fee Road. This is a fabulous facility that will be able to hold lots of Clubs' hospitality booths, and includes a large dance floor with lots of room for socializing with Lions and friends. A shuttle will operate between the hotel and the Moolah Shrine Center.

The Doubletree Hotel of St. Louis at Westport (1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146) is holding a block of rooms and taking reservations at a discounted price of \$89 + tax for a standard room. Please contact them directly at (866) 786-8088 to make your room reservations at the Doubletree Hotel and mention that you are with the District 26-M2 Lions Convention or book online at [www.doubletree3.hilton.com/en/index/html](http://www.doubletree3.hilton.com/en/index/html) enter group code CLU. After February 25, 2016, the room block will be released and the discounted price will no longer be available.

You can find more information on the district website [www.lions26m2.org](http://www.lions26m2.org).

## Top 11 Things You Didn't Know About Saving Energy at Home

11. Placing lamps or TV sets near your room air-conditioning thermostat can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary because the thermostat senses heat from the appliances. Set them apart and save energy.

10. Lighting makes up about 10 percent of home energy costs. Save up to 75 percent of that energy by replacing incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs). They also last longer, saving money on replacements.

9. If #10 weren't enough reason to make the switch to CFLs, only about 10 to 15 percent of the electricity that incandescent lights consume results in light -- the rest is turned into heat. Don't believe me?

8. Running your air conditioning at 78°F instead of 72°F can save between 6 and 18 percent on your cooling bill. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be, so set your thermostat as high as possible during the summer months.

7. Well-planned landscaping isn't just for aesthetics -- properly placed trees around the house can save between \$100 and \$250 annually.

6. On average, households lose about 20 percent of their heated and cooled air through the duct system to the outside. To avoid wasting energy, have your ducts inspected to ensure they're sealed properly and insulated if necessary.

5. If you use air conditioning, a ceiling fan will allow you to raise the thermostat setting about 4°F with no reduction in comfort. Just make sure to turn it off when you leave the room (fans cool people, not rooms).

4. Heating water can account for 14 to 25 percent of the energy consumed in your home. Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F) and save energy (and avoid a surprise faucet-scalding).

3. By using the microwave, toaster or a counter-top grill rather than an oven, you'll use less energy and avoid excess heat that increases room temperature.

2. Leaving a computer on all day can cost about 21 cents per day, or about \$75 per year. Unplug electronics and appliances when not in use - a task made easier by using multiple-outlet strips, which can turn everything off with the flip of a switch.

1. Programmable thermostats can save up to \$150 a year on energy costs when used properly. Use one that can automatically turn off your cooling system when you are not home, and turn your system on in time for you to arrive home to a cooled house.

Ref: <http://energy.gov/articles/top-11-things-you-didnt-know-about-saving-energy-home-summer-edition>

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!!!





## February Birthdays

Lion Dennis Donze – 12<sup>th</sup>

Lion Michelle Krabbe – 19<sup>th</sup>

## February Anniversaries

Lion Tim Rabbitt – 10 yrs

Lion Raymond Johnson – 4 yrs

Lion Thomas Nieman – 4 yrs

Lion Mary Ulrich – 1 yr

Lion Helen O'Keefe – 1 yr

## March Birthdays

Lion Norma Belcher – 6<sup>th</sup>

Lion Dave Whitney – 12<sup>th</sup>

Lion Lou Schopper – 20<sup>th</sup>

## March Anniversaries

Lion Lee Keefer – 49 yrs

Lion Cheryl Davidson – 15 yrs

Lion Tim Donze – 15 yrs

Lion Max Burton – 14 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 Sandy Halama

### FEATURED LION

**Who Is It:** Lion Sandy Halama

**Married to:** Lion Rob Halama

**Children:** Alex (married to Kristin) and Nicole

**Resides in:** Des Peres

**Pets:** Sam the dog, Fielvel the kitten with Sulley and Callie the granddogs

**Church:** Catholic

**Born and Raised:** St. Louis

**Childhood dream Career:** Elementary school teacher

**Something we don't know about you:** I plan to retire from the DoD after 35 ½ years. Although I love my job, I am ready to let the next generation take over so I have time to explore new adventures.

**Talents:** Being Rob's wife???

**Free Time:** Spending time with family, reading, camping, and traveling to places on my bucket list.

**Hobbies:** Crafts

**Proud Accomplishment:** Raising my children to be good caring adults.

**Favorite Holiday:** Christmas

**Favorite Food:** Coconut shrimp

**Favorite Movie:** It's a Wonderful Life

**Favorite TV Show:** I have a few: Empire, NCIS, and Big Bang Theory

**Favorite Music:** I like pretty much all music, but pop is my go-to favorite.

**What Do You Like About Your Job:** Having the sense of patriotism and self-fulfillment from supporting our military and knowing I play a part in our country's ability to provide a safe and secure homeland.

**Why Do You Like Being A Lion:** I have made many new friends and reinforced the bonds with family all the while enjoying the knowledge that our hard work benefits those in need.

**Why Did You Become a Lion?** As our kids were graduating from school and scouts, we planned to look for other ways to volunteer and help others. My brother, LION Mike, introduced us to the LIONS through the carnival and the next thing you know our volunteer question was answered!





*2015 Peace Poster  
Winners*

First Place



Make A Diff Day



Pancakes with  
Santa



Meat Shoot at High Ridge



Pancakes with Santa



Pancakes with  
Santa



Christmas Party 2015



Monthly BBQ

## Imponderables

### Why Is One Side of Reynolds Wrap Aluminum Foil Shiny and the Other Side Dull?

Grown people, though no personal friends of ours, have been known to argue about whether the shiny side of Reynolds Wrap is supposed to cover the food or to be the side exposed to the outside elements.

According to the folks at Reynolds Metals, it makes little difference which side of Reynolds Wrap you use. There is a slight difference in the reflectivity of the two sides, but the difference is so small that it can only be measured by laboratory instruments.

Nikki P. Martin, Reynolds's consumer services representative, puts it succinctly if self-servingly: "Both sides do the same fine job of keeping hot foods hot, cold foods cold, wet foods wet, dry foods dry and all foods fresh longer."

Foil starts as a large block of solid aluminum. The block is rolled like a pie crust until it becomes one long, thin, continuous sheet. The dissimilar finishes of Reynolds Wrap are the result, rather than the intention of its manufacturing process. Martin explains that "In the final rolling step, two layers of aluminum foil are passed through the rolling mill at the same time. The side coming in contact with the mill's highly polished steel rollers becomes shiny. The other side, not coming in contact with the heavy roller, comes out with a matte finish."

*From "Why Do Clocks Run Clockwise?"*

*Note: This is not true of Reynolds Non-Stick Foil. The "dull side is the "non-stick" side.*

#### Historical Trivia

The Climatron at the Missouri Botanical Garden, built in 1960, was the world's first climate-controlled geodesic dome designed as a greenhouse. Today, it houses a re-created rain forest filled with plants and uses E-feron glass to help it use solar energy more efficiently. The Garden also is the site of the largest Japanese Garden in North America.



## Lucille's Italian Sesame Cookies (Guigulanas)

*From the kitchen of Lion Vicky Swederska*

Blend together:	Cream Together:
3 c. Flour	2 Eggs
$\frac{3}{4}$ c. Shortening	$\frac{3}{4}$ c. Sugar
1 t. Baking Powder	1 t. Vanilla
$\frac{1}{3}$ t. Baking Soda	

Also, 1 lb. of Toasted Sesame Seeds  
Milk as needed

Add dry ingredients to creamed mixture.

If too dry, add milk a few drops at a time until a workable consistency is attained.

Roll into small balls, then roll into Sesame Seeds, working into long cookies.

Bake at 400 deg. F. for 10 min. on ungreased cookie sheet.

### Publication Dates:

Feb/Mar - Feb 18<sup>th</sup>  
Apr/May - March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Jun/Jul - May 26<sup>th</sup>  
Aug/Sep - July 28<sup>th</sup>  
Oct/Nov - September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Dec/Jan - November 25<sup>th</sup>

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