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Celebrating our 91st Anniversary
2016

President Lion Rob Halama



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Our Motto
"We Serve"

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Groves
Lions
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President's Message

Fellow LIONS,

It's spring time yet again. The flowers are blooming. The birds are singing. And again, as with every spring time we've had in the past, we begin our club's new year by installing a new board of directors.

We are here. *Howdy!*

And there is a lot coming our way this year.

We are updating our constitution and bylaws. We will soon be solidifying our new budget.

There is also that little fund-raiser called our July 4th Carnival and BBQ appearing in our very near future. (Let's keep our fingers crossed that Lion Leo's Dad gives us some good carnival weather.)

Top that off with our monthly BBQs, the Bausch & Lomb picnic, Beer Tasting, and Wine Fest, we should be able to help a lot of people in need again this year.

Although we try to keep the FUN in our FUNdraising, there are those time when we just like to have fun with the community.

We have our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Pancakes with Santa, Firehouse Open House, Make a Difference Day, and the Turkey Day Luncheon.

Each of these take volunteers to make them a success, and we love seeing anyone and everyone come volunteer at the event. Please come

for an hour or two, or stay longer. (We really don't mind if you stay longer. Bring a friend, er, I mean, bring a *Future Lion*.) Thank you for listening.

Hope to see you all soon.
President Lion Rob Halama

GREAT TIME TO BE A LION

What a great time to be a Lion! Really there are no bad time to be a lion unless your club is dormant and that is definitely not our club. Egg hunts, BBQs, beer tasting, meat shoots, blood drives, etc., there is little time to rest. We just got through our spring festivities mingling with other clubs and districts which was very interesting. For the new members or the members that don't get involved in the district and state conventions I would like to give a little insight on just what takes place. The first night is just for fun to socialize, dance and meet Lions from other clubs and share ideas on Lionism and fundraising or whatever comes to mind. Saturday is for meetings, reports, voting and other business, lunch and the banquet in the evening. It is very enlightening to hear the activities, donations and donor recipients that each club reports on. The fundraisers that the clubs do will surprise you. There are tractor pulls, car shows, MMA competitions, grilled cheese sales (SLU club sells these outside the bars at midnight), book sales, mouse races, trivia, gun and quilt raffles, etc. Dinner is dressy with a sit down dinner, a speaker and awards to close out the evening. Fridays and Saturdays are the big event days but if there is an interest Sunday at breakfast is a memorial service to remember Lions that passed during the fiscal year. If you have not attended a Lions Convention you should put it on your bucket list. And as a Lion we should support the other Lions clubs by attending their functions whenever possible.

Lion Vicky
P.S. Everybody needs to attend the Beer Tasting because it is a fun event!!!

Officers

President – Lion Rob Halama
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 2nd Vice Pres. – Lion Sandy Halama
 3rd Vice Pres. – Lion Becky Speeler
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 Lion Tamer – Lion Fred Yoder

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Lion Tony Baumstark
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**TEXT OF 1925 SPEECH BY HELEN KELLER TO LIONS**

Invited to address the 1925 International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, Helen Keller pointed Lions in a direction that would change the lives of millions.

(For presentation purposes) I ask that you close your eyes to contemplate the darkness as you hear her words:

"Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today. Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in night, your work, your independence, gone. In that dark world, wouldn't you be glad if a friend took you by the hand and said, 'Come with me and I will teach you how to do some of the things you used to do when you could see?'"

You have heard how through a little word dropped from the fingers of another, a ray of light from another soul touched the darkness of my mind and I found myself, found the world, found God. It is because my teacher learned about me and broke through the dark, silent imprisonment which held me that I am able to work for myself and for others. It is the caring we want more than money. The gift without the sympathy and interest of the giver is empty. If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will indeed triumph over blindness.

"Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind children untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?"

The Lions responded and are now best known for our sight-related programs!



2015 2016 International
 Peace Poster Prize Winner
 By 12 year old Yumo Zhu of
 China
 (From May 2016 Issue of LION
 Magazine)

91st Annual Fourth of July BBQ and Carnival



Don't forget the Fourth of July BBQ, Carnival and Parade. 1st thru 4th of July. Contact any of the Chairs listed below to volunteer.

2016 COMMUNITY DAYS CARNIVAL WEBSTER GROVES LIONS CHAIRMEN/WOMEN

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June 6th

District Cabinet Meeting

Location: Camp Wyman, 600 Kiwanis Drive, Eureka, MO 63025.

For directions goto: <http://experiencewyman.org/contact>

BBQ

June 10/11th

General Grant

Center parking lot.

Sign up with Lion Becky to help.

June 10th

Webster Groves

Lions Annual Blood

Drive at June BBQ

Sign up with Lion

Mike at 314-799-1998

91st Annual

Carnival & BBQ

July 1-4th

At Webster Groves

Memorial Field

corner of South Elm

and East Glendale

Go to

<http://www.webstergroveslions.org/fundraisersipage.html>

Webster Groves Lions Club Beer Tasting 2016

Webster Groves Lions Club hosted our 2nd annual beer tasting fundraiser on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at the Schlafly Bottleworks in Maplewood, Missouri from 7:00-11:00 PM, bringing in even more revenue than its 1st year! Although this year's event had less of a turnout than last year, it was still well attended, with 65 paid people; and we netted even more money than our first year, totaling \$2,072.39!

Admission included unlimited beer tasting, light appetizers and a complimentary tasting glass. This year's attendees had a great time; and really took to the auction items, raffle & 50/50. Schlafly took great care of us too; and the night ran very smoothly.

Very special thanks to Lions Vicky & Sandy for their excellent work putting together the auction & raffle items! Also big thanks to Lion Mary Ulrich for selling so many advance tickets & for her work that night! And a big thanks to Lions Rob Halama, John Gregory, Tom Logger, Greg Hanser, Luke Baumstark & Little Larry for all of their help; without everyone's help, this event would not have been such a success!



Summary

Event was another great event; well-attended by Lions and non-Lions alike. Everyone looks forward to our 3rd annual beer tasting. With some minor adjustments to our marketing, we'll be sure to increase attendance next year over this year; and, hopefully, bring in even more revenue for Webster Groves Lions!

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!!!



Five Basic Steps to Secure Computing at Home

1) Use Security Software

Anti-Virus Software

Anti-virus software is used to detect, prevent, and remove harmful software from your computer. It is important to keep your anti-virus definitions up to date since harmful software can spread rapidly.

Anti-Spyware Software

Spyware is a specific type of harmful software that attempts to monitor your computer activity hijack your web browser and/or steal your sensitive information such as credit card numbers and passwords. Many of the anti-virus software suites come prepackaged with anti-spyware software.

Firewall

A firewall attempts to block unwanted network traffic from reaching your PC. Firewalls can be a physical or software component, depending on how you connect to the Internet from home. If you use a router, you are already using a basic firewall. Software firewalls installed on your PC will not only block unwanted incoming traffic, but they will also attempt to prevent unwanted outgoing traffic from unauthorized, potentially harmful software.

NOTE: JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE SECURITY SOFTWARE INSTALLED ON YOUR DEVICE (COMPUTER, CELLPHONE, LAPTOP, TABLET) DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE PROTECTED, UNLESS YOU MAINTAIN A SUBSCRIPTION TO AN UPDATING SERVICE)

2) Keep your Operating System Patched

Auto-Update

Harmful software can infect your computer if you do not keep the operating system patched. If you enable auto-update within your computer's operating system preferences, you can be assured that you will have the latest patches.

3) Use Strong Passwords

Memorable Only by You

When you create a new password, use a combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers, and symbols if possible. Where applicable, always try to make your password at least eight characters in length. One method to create a password is to think of a sentence you can easily remember. Take the first or last letters of the words in the sentence and a number that you can easily remember that is not associated with you. For example, "Uncle Bill drove his 1937 Ford every Sunday" would turn into the password "UBdh37Fe\$".

4) Be Aware of Phishing Scams

Phishing scams attempt to steal your sensitive information by luring you to an online form. Email has become the most widely used method of enticing individuals to these scams. If any of the following are true, you should immediately raise your suspicions:

- Your name is not within the body of the email
- You don't have an account with the company
- The email wants you to verify your account information
- The email claims your account will be closed unless you act now

5) Use Encryption Whenever Possible

For more cybersecurity information go to:
<https://cybersecurity.mo.gov/home/>

Quiz - Who is this? (Answer on Pg 5)



This beautiful heiress from a wealthy family named the Vlahs of Albania was Agnes Bolagiu n but she became...

June Birthdays

Lion Ryan Whittington - 1st
 Lion Bill Otto - 7th
 Lion Mike Swederska - 25th
 Lion Sharon Christ - 28th
 Lion William Wood - 28th



June Anniversaries

Lion Don Gerber - 57 yrs
 Lion Bill Belcher - 31 yrs
 Lion Scott Young - 27 yrs
 Lion Jerry Clubbs - 18 yrs
 Lion Teddi Speeler - 11 yrs
 Lion Becky Speeler - 9 yrs
 Lion John Rabbitt - 8 yrs
 Lion David Cosgrove - 5 yrs

July Birthdays

Lion Pat Rabbitt - 1st
 Lion Pam Rosen - 4th
 Lion Lee Keefer - 7th
 Lion Georgia McGuire - 17th
 Lion Teddi Speeler - 18th
 Lion Joe Pinegar - 25th
 Lion Jack Lenk - 28th
 Lion Derek Bean - 29th

Lion Victoria Turner - 31st

July Anniversaries

Lion Ruth Loerch - 28 yrs
 Lion Sharon Christ - 19 yrs
 Lion Mike Swederska - 13 yrs
 Lion Dave Rabbitt - 9 yrs
 Lion Tony Baumstark - 2 yrs
 Lion Derek Bean - 2 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 Rob Halama.

Keep an eye out for the next squeal!
 If you have any news or pictures please submit to Lion Fred!



FEATURED LION

Who Is It: Lion June Lenk
 Married to: DGE Lion Jack Lenk
 Children: Two step children by marriage
 Resides in: St Louis
 Pets: Guide dog named Spencer - R.I.P. Spencer
 Church: Southern Baptist
 Born and Raised: St. Louis
 Childhood dream Career: School teacher so I could sit at a big desk and get an apple
 Something we don't know about you: I'm afraid of men larger than me and who sound threatening..
 Talents: Singing, cooking and organizing
 Free Time: Reading romance novels and improving my computer skills.
 Hobbies: Watching old movies, bowling, and trying new recipes
 Proud Accomplishment: Awards and medals in track & field, and choral singing
 Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving
 Favorite Food: Ice cream & cake
 Favorite Movie: Imitation of Life
 Favorite TV Show: Walker, Texas Ranger
 Favorite Music: Show tunes.
 What Do You Like About Your Job? When a boy runs down the hall singing after his lessons with me.
 Why Do You Like Being A Lion? To travel around and educate the sighted about vision impairment.
 Why Did You Become a Lion? The Lions have done so much to help me and I'm glad to have the opportunity to serve others..

FEATURED LION

Who Is It: Lion Lou Schopper
 Married to: Lion Barb Schopper
 Children: 3 boys & 3 girls
 Resides in: Affton
 Pets: None at present; lost last one 2 years ago
 Church: Our Lady of Providence
 Born and Raised: St Louis
 Childhood dream Career: Race car driver
 Something we don't know about you: Voyeur
 Talents: Singing, a long, long time ago
 Free Time: What's that?
 Hobbies: Grand children
 Proud Accomplishment: Raising 6 children
 Favorite Holiday: Christmas
 Favorite Food: Beef stew
 Favorite Movie: Las Vegas
 Favorite TV Show: N.C.I.S.
 Favorite Music: All types
 What Do You Like About Your Job? That I was able to retire
 Why Do You Like Being A Lion? Being able to helps others that I individually could not do.
 Why Did You Become a Lion? Ditto



Bausch and Lomb Company Picnic
May 19, 2016



Carnival Worker's Picnic
September 2013



Beans & Corn
Lions Fred, Bill & Marshall



Carnival 2012



One bucket, not enough??



Beer Tasting at Schlafly
Bottleworks 2016



Imponderables

Why Are Elections Held on Tuesday?

Reformers are calling for weekend elections in order to increase voter turnout. Before we take precipitous action, perhaps it would be best to study why our founding fathers, with due deliberation, chose this day for citizens to exercise their most precious duty.

Nah. History won't help us a bit, except to surmise that the selection of Tuesday as Election Day was just a cosmic accident. Professor Robert J. Dinkin's studies on voting in provincial and revolutionary America reflect the haphazard beginnings of elections in the fledgling democracy.

In provincial America, there was no single standard date for balloting in the thirteen colonies. Voters had to travel to their county seat to mark a ballot; smaller precincts did not yet exist. Most elections in the northern colonies were conducted in mid-spring or early fall so that snow wouldn't prevent far-flung voters from arriving in time, since a trek of twenty-five miles or so by horseback were often necessary to reach polling places. The larger colonies would often allow voters more than one day to vote. Dinkin observes in *Voting in Provincial America* that "Maryland allowed the polls to stay open as long as the candidates could show cause that additional voters were enroute, even if it took a number of days. Heated contests in Baltimore, Dorchester and Frederick counties thus frequently lasted three or four days."

Lest we imagine that our forefathers were much more pious than we, willing to embark upon long voyages in order to do their part for the common good, it must be added that voting was often more of a social occasion than a civic one. Election Day was a big to-do, with drinking and carousing the order. Crowd control was a major problem, since provincial capitals and county seats did not have the facilities to handle the influx of visitors.

After the Revolutionary War, election dates within each state became more standardized, but there was little uniformity among different states. Monday and Tuesday seemed to be the most popular days, but elections continued to be held mostly in spring and autumn. After 1776, most states instituted more polling places so that distant voters need not travel to county seats. Localities still had the right to leave polls open for more than one day and to set their own hours for the polls to remain open.

The first Tuesday of November was established as the date for presidential elections prior to the election of 1848. Many states still conducted their elections on Monday. Dinkin mentions that the phrase "As Maine goes, so goes the nation" stems from the fact that Maine's elections were held on the second Monday of September; along with Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania's October elections, Maine's voters were thought to provide a barometer of public opinion that might foretell trends relevant to the presidential election in November. The importance of these October elections was so manifest that these states were infested by national party leaders who used greenbacks and arm-twisting tactics to cajole midwestern voters into seeing things their way. By the mid-1880s, the political pressure reached such a pitch that the "October states" gave up their early contests. Although Maine held on to its Monday-in-September elections until 1949, most states saw the wisdom in uniting state and national elections, and despite the few diehards, states chose to conform to the federal election choice of the second Tuesday in November.

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From "Imponderables" by David Feldman

Old Fashioned Oatmeal Pancakes

From the kitchen of Meyer's Hilltop Farm B&B, McKittrick, MO
"I have had these. Delicious. Also a great place to stay!"

Ingredients

- 2 cups rolled old-fashioned oatm
- 2 ½ cups buttermilk
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- ¼ cup butter, melted then coole
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 Tbl sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- ¼ tsp salt



Directions

1. In a bowl, combine the oats and buttermilk, stir to blend well. Cover and refrigerate overnight (12 hours).
2. Just before cooking, add the eggs and butter, stir just to blend. In another bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt. Add to the oat mixture and stir until just moistened. Preheat griddle and grease lightly. Spoon about 1/3 cup batter for each pancake.
3. Heat vegetable oil to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C) in a large saucepan or deep fat fryer.
4. Scoop up dough by tablespoon and drop, a few at a time, into the hot oil. Fry until lightly browned; drain on wire racks set over paper towels. Dust with confectioners' sugar.

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