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Our Motto
"We Serve"

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Past President's Message

Fellow LIONS,

I now have a better understanding of what the Tin Man went through in The Wizard of Oz when he, frozen in place for so long, could only call out, almost inaudibly, for the oil can.

That is pretty much how it felt, getting my sorry self out of bed at Oh-dark-thirty in the A of M, and up to the General Grant Shopping Center for our first BBQ of 2017.

Misery does love company. And, I cannot speak for the Q'ers, but there was not a warm spot to be had. Even in the trailer.

Still, it could have been worse.

Working Saturday in the cold and snow, then closing up in the cold and dark had to be tough. Even *with* the help of the cold scouts. (Sensing a theme here?)

We do have some dedicated folks in this club. Thank you for that.

One of the bright spots on Friday though, was Lion Leo and his magic fryer. I say magic, because the fish and shrimp that the fryer was turning out were fantastic. Rumor has it we sold out of both. Didn't matter though. People were waiting in line to get their taste buds wrapped around our BBQ too. (I surmise they were suffering from BBQ withdrawal, having to quit cold turkey in October.)

I'm telling you though, the Willy Wonka folks had it all wrong. They should have sung...

"Who can take a pork steak,
Spritz some vinegar too,
Throw it on the grill, then
Add some sauce for you?
The LIONS Club can.
The LIONS Club can.
The LIONS Club can 'cause they make their
own sauce
That makes the world taste good."

Seriously, how can you chow down on our BBQ and not be happy?

Or stay clean?

But I digress.

This was just the first BBQ. There are six more. (Seven, if you want to count the carnival.)

And we have a Wine Tasting. And we have an Easter Egg Hunt. And we have Baseball Opening

Day. And there's Make a Difference Day. And there's the Firehouse Open House. And there's the Bausch & Lomb employee picnic.

Yes, my friends. It's that time again. It is time once again to put on your apron, or your hat, or your gloves, or whatever, and sign up to help. Sign up early. Sign up often. Please.

(I hear that bonuses have been doubled for this year.)

In other news....

It is also that time again for the changing of the guard. Lion John will soon be installed (unless this squeal comes out after April 1st. Then it will be "Lion John has recently been installed". You all can insert the proper version at your leisure.)

This will be my last "President's Message". I know what you're saying..."Oh NO. Say it ain't so!"

Thanks for the thought, but it is time for me to move on to the next challenge in life. Time for Lion John to move on in to the job as "Mr. President - Chief Arbiter of all that is LIONS". And those in line as VPs will all move up to their next assignment.

And, as we move on to the next phase of our lives, remember this sage wisdom (hopefully it will aid you in your travels)...

It does not matter where you go.

Once you get there....

There you are.

Good bye and thanks for listening.

Lion Rob

RSVP FOR DINNER

We have been spending more on meeting meals than we are bringing in. This is the result of not knowing who will show up.

Your meeting notification email has included a statement that you must RSVP for your meal to ensure sufficient food without wastage.

**Please RSVP to Lion Teddi at
speeler36@hotmail.com**

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Helen Keller 1887

Much of what Lions do is not conspicuous, grandiose, or "out there". But rest assured, there is much going on. Many individuals, including officers, are hard at work to make this club a success.

WHAT IS "LBOMB"?

Founded in 2000, Lions Business Opportunities for Missouri Blind is a small organization in the business associations industry located in Jefferson City, MO. It has 3 full time employees.

Lions Business Opportunities for The Blind is a not for profit, private corporation. Under the direction of the Missouri Department of Social Services' Family Support Division (FSD), the Randolph-Sheppard Program is administered by Rehabilitation Services for the Blind's Business Enterprise Program (BEP). Lion's Business Opportunities for Missouri Blind, Inc., a private, not for-profit corporation, acts as an agent for Family Support Division in the provision of management services and fund administration.

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The Randolph-Sheppard Act, signed into law June 30, 1936 by President Franklin Roosevelt, mandates that priority be given to legally blind individuals in the operation of vending facilities existing or to be developed on federally owned, leased, or occupied property. Since 1981, Missouri statutes have, with limitations, afforded like preference in State buildings. It is the goal of the BEP to assist blind persons to achieve success as self-employed business persons. To this end, the BEP:

Develops business sites in public or private buildings, such as municipal, state and federal buildings, colleges, or industrial locations. The business may be developed as a vending area, convenience store, vending route, snack bar, or a full-service cafeteria.

Assists in the design, lay-out, and set-up of new or existing facilities by selecting decor, purchasing and placing equipment, providing initial inventory, and developing operating procedures.

Provides comprehensive training to prepare blind and visually impaired individuals to succeed as self-employed and self-supporting business persons.

Licenses trained graduates to manage vending machine banks, convenience stores, vending routes, snack bars or cafeterias.

Monitors and works closely with managers to determine business effectiveness in service, profitability, design, and efficiency and provides input for improvement of the business operation.

The blind vendor managing a Level I vending facility will spend several hours each day at the vending site. He/she will oversee state-of-the-art machines vending food, snack items and beverages. He/she will keep the machines and seating areas clean.

Convenience Store

A Level II license qualifies the manager to operate a convenience store, or a manager-filled vending route. The convenience store sells prepackaged sandwiches, snacks, greeting cards, novelties, newspapers, lottery tickets, etc., but with no on-site food preparation. Managers do their own buying, stocking, pricing, merchandising and selling. The manager is also responsible for preparing weekly operating reports and, if the business is large enough, for the hiring, training and supervision of employees.

Food Service

A Level III license qualifies a manager to operate a snack bar, offering packaged snacks, chips, candies, sandwiches, salads, hot dogs, drinks, etc. with limited on-site food preparation. A Level IV license qualifies a food service manager to operate more complex, full-service cafeterias and to provide catering services. A Level IV manager is responsible for total facility operation, including purchasing, storage, merchandising, sanitation, record keeping and reporting, menu planning and rotation, costing and pricing, as well as hiring, training and supervising multiple employees.

Training

All candidates for Level II, III or IV licenses must have successfully passed the National Restaurant Association (NRA) Servsafe Food Sanitation Course. Applicants are interviewed, tested and given work-site evaluations before acceptance for training. Manager training consists of classroom instruction and on-the-job monitored training at better managed BEP facilities. Level II training requires 16 weeks; Level III training requires 18 weeks; and Level IV training requires 26 weeks. Small training classes afford each candidate attention as needed to provide the skills necessary for success at each business level. Upon graduation from BEP training, each trainee receives certification and is eligible for facility management. As the manager's skills continue to develop through experience, he becomes qualified to assume management of the larger, more complex facilities at his level of licensure.

The Lions Club of Webster Groves contributes financially to LBOMB each year.

*This material has been extracted from the Missouri Department of Social Services at
<http://dss.mo.gov/fsd/rsb/bep.html>*

WG Lions Welfare has helped 10 people with eye glasses, exams and other vision related issues since April of 2016. Since Lion Mike started as Welfare Chair in April 2011, WG Lions club has helped 150 people with vision issues.

Vending

Second BBQ of Season

The second BBQ of this calendar year will be April 14/15th.

Please contact Lion Becky at speeler22@hotmail.com to volunteer. There is always something to do.

Officer Installation

Installation of Officers for the 2017 - 2018 year will be held April 1st at the Genesis Banquet Center. Please check the website calendar for further details.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 8th Check-in 10:30 am, hunt starts 11 am. Hawken House, 1155 South Rock Hill Rd, 63119

Opening Day WG Baseball

April 29th. We serve hotdogs, snacks and drinks to the WG Baseball Team, parents, and coaches. Check with Lion Tom Logger to volunteer at tlogger@aol.com

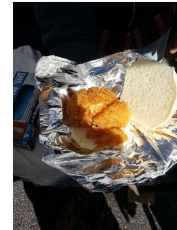
FIRST BBQ OF SEASON

Although we froze our behinds off, it was a relatively productive BBQ, thanks to our devoted followers. The fried cod went over very well. In spite of the weather, we netted over \$1,700 with plenty of stock for next month.

Lion Pat was not only cold, but he kept dry, sorta.



I wonder if the WG Library Videographer got a shot of this.



"STUFFED LIONS"

Our club purchased 72 stuffed lions for the Webster Groves Police Department. The officers keep these in their patrol cars for giving to children who may have been traumatized by an event to which the officers responded. An additional several hundred dollars were also presented for the purchase of replica badges for the same purpose.



Thanks to Lion Sandy for tracking these down and making the purchase, and thanks to Lion Rob for helping deliver them.



Welcome our newest members, Lions Diane & Mark Harris



Technology for Sight Impaired

Smartphones are helping the blind to do tasks most of us take for granted.

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!!!



Picking a bushel of bananas at the grocery store or throwing your trash in the nearest bin are banal tasks for most people. But for Candice Jordan, who is visually impaired, the ability to do these tasks independently has brought tears to her eyes.

Jordan is one of 200 blind or visually impaired people who is testing Aira, an app that connects users to visual interpreting services.

"I guess I would describe it as magical," Jordan said. "Now, I can walk into a mall and instead of having to find a security guard, or find a kiosk desk, I can walk into the mall, click on Aira and say, 'Hi, what stores are in my vicinity, what stores do you see?'"

Source: Aira

A visual interpreter agent helps guide the blind and visually impaired remotely using a digital platform designed by Aira.

Here's how Aira works: The visually impaired user opens the app or presses a button on their glasses, which calls one of 15 trained agents. With the help of a special dashboard, an agent can see the users' surroundings either through smart glasses or a phone camera. The agent can then verbally walk the user through what's around them and answer questions.

The users have an hour-long information session with agents when they adopt Aira. These sessions help personalize instructions (does the user prefer "slightly to the right" or "2 o'clock") and preferences (instead of reading a whole menu verbatim, the agent will know if Jordan loves seafood or is allergic to peanuts.)

Aira can also order from Amazon, give reviews from Yelp and hail Ubers.

Jordan said Aira's agents have given her the freedom to do things she could never do with a cane alone, or even with her guide dog, Austria. Jordan recently traveled to Washington, D.C., where she said she was able to move beyond getting from point A to point B and enjoy Aira's description of the trees, sights and sounds of the area.

Aira also allowed Jordan to do much simpler tasks and enjoy small conveniences and serendipitous moments that she hasn't had since she lost her vision at age 21.

Instead of putting all her trash in her backpack on her recent trip, the agent mentioned a trash can in Jordan's field of vision, something that would have been needlessly time consuming to find with a cane. When walking through New York City's Penn Station, Aira was able to guide her through a crowd that Austria would have shied from.

And instead of sending a courier or store associate to get her bananas, she can now pick herself the ripest bunch.

"I didn't even know that basil came in a tube now, until the agent described everything on the shelf," Jordan said.

The real-time streaming conversation with the agents is something that couldn't have existed five years ago, but works now thanks to advances in wearable technology and wireless bandwidth, said Aira CEO Suman Kanuganti. The company has done about 2,000 sessions with blind people, and is already working on a Siri-like artificial intelligence to help supplement the service as it scales.

Eventually, artificial intelligence and computer vision will be able to use indoor navigation technology to map out a users' most common routes, and even automatically guide users to the curb when they hail a car, Kanuganti said.

With advisors, such as Google's John Lee, Aira is backed by venture capital firms like Lux Capital and Arch Venture Partners, and individuals like Benchmark's Scott Belsky. It is also exploring the possibility of getting Aira covered by insurance.

The company is in the process of raising more funding. Kanuganti said Aira may expand some day to help other groups like the elderly or those with autism.

Kanuganti said he's inspired to keep pushing Aira forward thanks to visually impaired friends who inspired the company, including serial entrepreneur Larry Bock, who invested in Aira before he died this year.

"Fundamentally approaching day-to-day stuff that we take for granted an applying that information is not something that companies are doing. That's where our investors get excited," Kanuganti said.

Courtesy CNBC.com

April Birthdays

Lion Quin Swederska - 4th

Lion Scott Young - 6th

April Anniversaries

Lion Pam Rosen - 9 yrs

Lion Fred Yoder - 9 yrs

Lion Leo Christ - 38 yrs

Lion Lou Schopper - 56 yrs



May Birthdays

Lion Maria Sauter - 7th

Lion Jerry Clabbs - 21st

Lion Jim Greenlaw - 25th

Lion Larry M. Schumaker - 26th

Lion Randy Belcher - 26th

May Anniversaries

Lion Randy Belcher - 12 yrs

Lion Barb Schopper - 22 yrs

Lion Bob Buerk - 25 yrs

Lion Craig Krabbe - 28 yrs

Perfect Attendance

In order to receive a perfect attendance pin, you must attend all 22 meetings. If you miss a meeting you can make it up by working a function, or attending another Lions meeting (Board Mtg., Zone Mtg., etc.) 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 John Gregory.

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

**Never let your friends
feel lonely! Disturb
them at all times!**



LIONS JOE PINEGAR & Kim Pepple

FEATURED LION

Who Is It: Lion Joe Pinegar
Married to: Karin Ransden Pinegar
Children: Katherine Ransden
Resides in: Webster Groves
Pets: Three cats
Church: Episcopal
Born and Raised: Memphis, TN
Childhood dream Career: Astronaut
Something we don't know about you: I am a widower
Talents: Trivia
Free Time: I miss it!
Hobbies: Electronics, metalworking, whatever catches my eye
Proud Accomplishment: I've turned around failing projects at different jobs
Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving (See Food below)
Favorite Food: If you ask me, pizza; ask my wife, "whatever's in reach"
Favorite Movie: The Blues Brothers
Favorite TV Show: Elementary
Favorite Music: Rock n Roll, Blues; I listen to a lot of different music
What Do You Like About Your Job? Something new every day
Why Do You Like Being A Lion? I feel like I'm helping people.
Why Did You Become a Lion? As I mentioned, I'm a widower. She was a diabetic and slowly lost her sight over the 9 years we were married. I care about vision. Plus I live next door to Lion Lee Scherzer. Oh, I like BBQ.

FEATURED LION

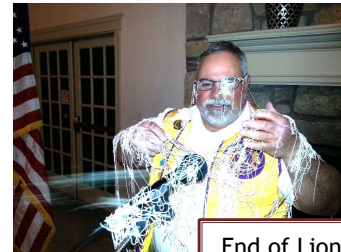
Who Is It: Lion Kim Pepple
Married to: I am Single
Children: I have 1 daughter, Kelly and a 11yo grandson Keegan; both have lived with me since Keegan was born.
Resides in: Webster Groves
Pets: I have traded my pets for "pet peeves"
Church: In my Heart
Born and Raised: Born in Springfield, MO. Moved to Webster Groves when my father graduated college, where I was raised as the oldest of 6 children.
Childhood dream Career: In my elementary school years, though, I was fortunate to discover and to enjoy both reading and writing. In effect, I grew imagining that I would eventually do something involving words.
Something we don't know about you: I walk with my grandson to his school every school day. Also, in my early 20's, I won a number of swing-dancing contests.
Talents: I will leave this item unanswered. On the one hand, I am hesitate to brag or to self-assess my talents. On the other hand, I am hesitate to have people question or challenge my self-perception.
Free Time: I do not have much free time, but when I do, I like to read.
Hobbies: Reading and writing are probably my foremost hobbies. I have also had a lifelong interest in sports
Proud Accomplishment: In the early 2000's, I spent two years as the chairperson of the Webster Groves Charter Review Board during which time the city's charter was revised and updated.
Favorite Holiday: Christmas, followed by 4th of July
Favorite Food: Well prepared sirloin steak with loaded baked potato
Favorite Movie: It's a Wonderful Life and The Wizard of Oz
Favorite TV Show: The news, CSPAN, programs about books and history
Favorite Music: Any kind of dance music
What Do You Like About Your Job? In recent years, I have been teaching part-time as an instructor of English at the Florissant Valley campus of St. Louis Community College. In this capacity, I have been able to stay actively involved with reading and writing. I have also been able to help young adults -- and older adults, too! -- to develop some skills and appreciation of our written language.
Why Do You Like Being A Lion: I like the experience of collaborating with other like-minded people to provide service to the community and to help people in-need.
Why Did You Become a Lion? When I was growing up in Webster Groves, I regularly attended the Webster Lions annual Carnival & Barbecue. I also played baseball on the Lions Club-sponsored youth baseball team. During my high school and college years, I was a volunteer at the Webster Lions "Carnival & Barbecue". A few years after I graduated from college, though, Lion Larry Taylor told me that I could no longer simply be a volunteer at the Carnival & Barbecue. He told me that I needed to be a member of the Webster Groves Lions Club in order to have a truly meaningful and worthwhile experience. I officially joined the Webster Groves Lions Club almost 40 years ago, and I am proud to be a LION!



2003 Carnival



Lion Norma's Heart of the Community Award



End of Lion Tim's Reign



LEGO League



Ahhhhh!



End of Other's Reign



Worker Bees



Eye Wrap - Maplewood



What Have We Here????

Some Interesting Facts In American History?

Suit Against Tomatoes:

Salem, New Jersey, held a trial against tomatoes on Sept. 25, 1820. A rumor had been started that tomatoes were poisonous, but one citizen, Robert Johnson, took action to prove them wrong. Johnson stood in the middle of a crowd at the town courthouse and ate an entire basket of tomatoes, and, being that he survived, the trial was dismissed.

Donkey vs Elephant

The symbols for the Republican and Democrat parties came to be from tongue-in-cheek comments and retribution versus actual political tact or decision. The donkey symbol, used for the Democratic party, was set into place during an election in 1828, when one of Andrew Jackson's opponents called him a "jackass," while the elephant symbol of the Republican party came in 1874 when Thomas Nast, a satirical cartoonist, labeled a drawing of an elephant as, "The Republican Vote."

Handshake

Thomas Jefferson's life of leisure is best described in the accounts of his greeting White House guests while wearing his slippers and robe. He made it a point to not initiate unnecessary stress, and tried to conduct himself as simply as possible. He also initiated the custom of shaking hands when meeting new people, which was preceded by George Washington's customary bow, as he favored it over physical contact. The history of the handshake dates back to the 5th century B.C. in Greece. It was a symbol of peace, showing that neither person was carrying a weapon. During the Roman era, the handshake was actually more of an arm grab. It involved grabbing each other's forearms to check that neither man had a knife hidden up his sleeve. Some say that the shaking gesture of the handshake started in Medieval Europe. Knights would shake the hand of others in an attempt to shake loose any hidden weapons.

10 Things You Don't Know About Ted Drewes

1. Ted Drewes Sr. won the Munny tennis championship each year from 1926 to 1935.
2. It actually started in Florida. Ted Sr. briefly opened his first custard joint in St. Petersburg before returning to St. Louis.
3. Ted Sr. began making custard with a traveling carnival in the 1920s.
4. The Drewes family owns land in Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia -- that's where they grow their Christmas trees.
5. The first St. Louis Ted Drewes location stood between a Shell station and a watermelon stand.
6. Ted Sr.'s wife, Mildred, was the stand's first car hop and took orders without writing them down.
7. Ted Jr. has received several offers to franchise Ted Drewes, but he vows he'll never do it.
8. The "Dottie" is named after Ted Jr.'s wife.
9. Shake Shack founder Danny Meyer was inspired by Ted Drewes (and his other hometown favorite, Steak 'n' Shake) and offers a Shake Shack concrete, though nothing is as good as the original.
10. The frozen custard is made with eggs and honey, but those who know the exact recipe are sworn to secrecy.

Watergate Cake

(Compliments of Richard Nixon)

Ingredients

1 Pckg Yellow Cake Mix
1 Pckg (3.4 ozs) Instant Pistachio Pudding Mix
1 cup club soda (lemon-lime may be substituted)
½ Cup Canola Oil
3 Eggs
¾ Cup Pistachios



For Frosting:

2 Pckgs (3.4 oz ea) Instant Pistachio Pudding Mix
2 Cups Heavy Whipping Cream
1 Cup 2% Milk

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine cake mix, pudding mix, club soda, oil and eggs; beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes. Stir in pistachios. Transfer to a greased 13x9-in. baking pan. Bake 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack.

For frosting, in a small bowl, combine pudding mix, whipping cream and milk; beat until soft peaks form. Spread over cake.

DON'T CHEAT!

Total Time: 40+ min
Prep: 10 min
Bake: 30 min
Cool: As Reqd
Yield: 15 servings

Publication Dates:

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

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