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Celebrating our 92nd Anniversary
2017

President Lion John Gregory
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Our Motto
"We Serve"

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Groves
Lions
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President's Message

Carnival ! Carnival ! Carnival !

Success ! Success ! Success !

We did it again, we made the carnival happen, despite the naysayers, and all the adversities; we did it, and we'll do it again next year.

You know some 15 plus years ago, when I was a non-Lion volunteer at the soda trailer, I heard talk about the difficulty working with the city. I didn't understand it then, and in some ways, I don't understand it now, but I think it has a lot to do with perspective.

And so, it is, what it is, and we have to accept it as part of the process.

Now we Lions tend to keep score in terms of dollars, but we need to remember that success should not always be, and cannot always be, measured in terms of dollars \$\$\$\$. Other factors/ variables need to be considered in most any measure of success. And I would like to say that all the carnivals I've seen go by, were successful, when all factors/ influences and results have been considered.

"The best definition of success - the accomplishment of an aim or purpose "

We work as a team, but the Lions club offers a great opportunity for an individual to succeed. You can come up with an idea to help the club or community (the easy part) and then implement it and make it happen (the hard part). I've been guilty myself of just doing the easy part. But I've learned that if I want to see something done, then I should take responsibility and make it happen through my own action. I don't need the validation of others, I just need to go for it and if it's meant to be it will fall into place.

A lady approached us at the membership booth and told us we really



need to provide a ride area for special needs children. Now that's a nice sentiment, but like many things, easier said than done. I have no idea who she was, but she came off as being more critical than just offering a compassionate idea. Of course, I just thanked her for the suggestion and let it go, but I wonder if she realizes how much we do, through donations of our hard earned dollars, to help those with special needs. I wonder what she's done to help others, by her own action, or does she just like to criticize?

People need to understand that we're a service organization not an entertainment venue. Our meetings can be lighthearted at times, but again we're a service organization, and I guess your heart has to be in the right place and your soul in it to derive satisfaction from being a member.

As for the 2017 carnival:

Let me congratulate Lion Becky Speeler, our Carnival Chair.

Much thanks to all the Lions and special event volunteers (you know who you are).

And also thanks to the Lions (and you know who you are) that represented us in Chicago.

President Lion John Gregory

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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A still from the motion picture, "Helen Keller in Her Story," showing an animated Helen Keller in a dance studio with her arms raised, standing beside Martha Graham. Circa 1954



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.

The Webster Groves Lions helps to support many charities. We are able to do this by the continued efforts by our members and volunteers in fund raisers. Among these charities are:

DELTA GAMMA CENTER FOR CHILDREN

What we refer to as the "Delta Gamma Center" or "Delta Gamma Center for Children" is officially Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments.

In 1951, a group of Delta Gamma alumni from Washington University started a local organization to serve the needs of young children with visual impairments and blindness. The founders of the Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments set forth on a mission to provide educational services for children in the earliest years, prior to the start of school, with an emphasis on guidance and training for their parents.

Services offered by the Delta Gamma Center include comprehensive early intervention services to address the needs of infants and toddlers who are blind or visually impaired and their families. Services include education, orientation and mobility services, occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech therapy services for children with complex developmental challenges. The Center has recently introduced Low Vision Evaluations to further assist the early intervention team. A broad array of family support services is available as well. The GRADS (Group Recreation and Developmental Support) Program, provides unique opportunities for school age youth to develop friendships, independence and participation in community activities. The center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Governed by a community - based board of directors, the center is a well-established and respected organization in the community.

Mission

The mission of the Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments is to help children who are blind or visually impaired reach their full potential through family-centered and specialized services and support. They provide comprehensive early intervention services for children from birth to three years old and their families. Services are provided primarily in home or community settings, and include education, orientation and mobility services. Occupational, physical, and speech therapy services along with assistive technology services are also available.

Core Principles

The Delta Gamma Center believes that -

- Children who are blind or visually impaired can learn.
- Family well-being is key to the successful development of each child who is blind or visually impaired.
- Families of children who are blind or visually impaired should have access to services.

- Collaboration with families is essential for individualized, coordinated and meaningful services.
- Specialized early intervention services are critical to address the unique learning needs of children who are blind or visually impaired.
- Education and support is vital for the children who are blind or visually impaired, their families, and their community.
- A dedicated and qualified staff and volunteers are necessary for fulfilling our mission.

EASTER SEALS MIDWEST

What we refer to as "Easter Seals of Eastern Missouri" and formerly as "Life Skills", is formerly known as "Easter Seals Midwest".

Life Skills (*founded in 1964*) and TouchPoint Autism Services (*founded in 1971*) merged in 2012, and in 2014. Triality (*founded in 1975*) joined the organization.

For 50 years, Easter Seals Midwest has been at the forefront of helping Missourians with disabilities and their families live better lives. From early childhood education and in-depth autism training, to job training and community living support, Easter Seals Midwest helps people with developmental disabilities and their families address life's challenges and achieve personal goals.

The resources available to them through Easter Seals and its affiliates across the country allow them to enhance their services, generate additional funding to better support our programs, and develop new programs and/or treatment strategies. In addition, the national network gives them an advantage with the federal government to promote public policy that expands services to unserved and underserved individuals. All of this gives them the opportunity to both improve and expand their services for individuals with developmental disabilities in the communities they serve.

"It is an exciting time for us to live into our mission: to help individuals with developmental disabilities – including autism – learn, live, work and participate in the community."

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 180 people with vision issues.

Fifth BBQ of Season

The fifth BBQ of this calendar year will be August 11/12. Please contact Lion Becky at speeler22@hotmail.com to volunteer. There is always something to do.

Bausch & Lomb Company Picnic

September 6th - at Bausch & Lomb facility in Treecourt Industrial Park. We will be catering BBQ for this picnic.

Please contact Lion Greg Hanser at ghanz@sbcglobal.net to volunteer. He needs all the help he can get.

Sixth BBQ of Season

The sixth BBQ of this calendar year will be September 8/9. Please contact Lion Becky at speeler22@hotmail.com to volunteer. There is always something to do.

2017 Wine Fest

The 2017 Webster Groves Lions Wine Fest will be held September 24th at the Hawken House Hearth room. Please contact Lion Sandy at [314-795-7456](tel:314-795-7456) or halamas@sbcglobal.net to volunteer. There is always something to do.

SEPTEMBER 6th B & L PICNIC

The annual Bausch & Lomb picnic will be held on September 6th. As has been for the past few years, the Webster Groves Lions will cater a BBQ for this event.

This is an opportunity for the club to earn a significant amount of income. And as in the past, Lion Greg Hanser is leading this effort.



Bausch & Lomb 2013

"2017 WINE FEST"

This year's Wine Fest will be held September 24th at the Hawken House Hearth Room, 1155 S. Rock Hill Rd in Webster Groves.



2016 Wine Fest

Welcome our newest member, Lion Dennis Williams



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!!!



92ND ANNUAL CARNIVAL & BBQ

To all the Webster Groves Lions members and their families that helped at the Carnival this year, I thank you. If you worked a shift, a day or days, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. It is with all the club members support that we were able to put this event on. To all the chair heads, I thank you for all your time and effort that you put in to make the event successful. I know this year was a new set up and it was different but we worked together and got the job done. We had a successful carnival and will be able to help a lot of people.

2017 Carnival Chair
Lion Becky Speeler

AND WHAT DO WE DO WITH CARNIVAL & BBQ EARNINGS?

There is a young lady in Nepal, Puja Shah, 18 years old, and in the 11th grade in Kathmandu, Nepal. She is albino and not well accepted, in fact, feared, in her village.



In addition, Puja's vision is limited and she has nystagmus, a condition of involuntary eye movement, acquired in infancy or later in life, that may result in reduced or limited vision. it is often called "dancing eyes" as well. Puja is studying to become a teacher and her handicap is quite a detriment. She depends upon classmates to take notes and help her with her studies.

She was put in touch with a foundation, the Mitrata-Nepal Foundation for Children for assistance.

One of our Lions, Norma Belcher is friends with Pam Hughes, a Board Member for Mitrata-Nepal Foundation for Children. Ms Hughes through the Society for the Blind, discovered a machine called a MagniLink Zip which would be of great benefit to Puja. Ms Hughes was able to raise \$1,000 to purchase the machine, but could not raise the additional \$2,300 required. The Lions Club of Webster Groves was able to contribute the necessary \$2,300 allowed Ms Hughes to purchase and deliver the machine to Puja. In Puja's words, "This machine changed my life. I now take my own notes in school and help my classmates."

Another life changed by the Webster Groves Lions.



MagniLink Zip is a foldable, easy to carry, user friendly video magnifier well known for its outstanding HD image quality. This transportable video magnifier offers the same functionality as any true desktop video magnifier, like a stable reading table with X/Y friction brakes, guiding lines and low-vision adapted monitor.

August Birthdays

Lion Cheryl Davidson - 1st
 Lion Phil Hamt - 1st
 Lion Tim Rabbitt - 5th
 Lion Kurt Weisenfels - 8th
 Lion Helen O'Keefe - 15th
 Lion Bill Belcher - 16th

Lion Larry Suiter - 16th
 Lion Lee Scherzer - 20th
 Lion Frank Tallis - 26th
 Lion Angeliq̄ue Taylor - 27th
 Lion Sandy Halama - 30th
 Lion Tom Logger - 31st

September Birthdays

Lion Tony Baumstark - 10th
 Lion Ruth Loerch - 11th
 Lion Mike Capriiglione - 12th
 Lion Tim Donze - 12th
 Lion Connor Ryan - 17th
 Lion Mark Cereghino - 20th
 Lion Jerry Davis - 24th
 Lion Larry Schumaier - 28th

August Anniversaries

Lion Tom Logger - 4 yrs
 Lion Vickie Collger - 5 yrs
 Lion Mabrakh Khan - 5 yrs
 Lion Vicky Swederska - 13 yrs
 Lion Larry M Schumaier - 15 yrs
 Lion Mike Capriiglione - 16 yrs
 Lion Jim Greenlaw - 16 yrs
 Lion Kim Pepple - 19 yrs
 Lion Jane Lenk - 20 yrs
 Lion Harris Gerhard - 23 yrs
 Lion Dennis Donze - 30 yrs



September Anniversaries

Lion Connor Ryan - 1 yr
 Lion Angeliq̄ue Taylor - 1 yr
 Lion Rik Taylor - 1 yr
 Lion Lee Scherzer - 6 yrs
 Lion Georgia McGuire - 8 yrs
 Lion Bill Otto - 8 yrs
 Lion Pat Rabbitt - 19 yrs
 Lion Greg Hanser - 29 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!



LIONS DENNIS WILLIAMS & BECKY SPEELER

FEATURED LION

Who Is It: Lion Dennis Williams
 Married to: Laura Williams
 Children: Natalie, Jason & Makenzie
 Resides in: Maplewood
 Pets: Two dogs
 Church: Concordia Lutheran
 Born and Raised: St Louis
 Something we don't know about you:
 Talents:
 Free Time: Grandkids
 Hobbies: Sports and camping
 Proud Accomplishment:
 Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving
 Favorite Food: Pizza
 Favorite Movie: Batman
 Favorite TV Show: Cheers
 Favorite Music: Country
 What Do You Like About Your Job?
 Why Do You Like Being A Lion? Good people, Team Work, BBQ
 Why Did You Become a Lion? DITTO

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FEATURED LION

Who Is It: Rebecca Lynn Speeler
 Married to: Single (but looking)
 Children: None
 Resides in: Affton, MO
 Pets: 2 cats
 Church: Christ Memorial Childcare Center
 Born and Raised: Affton, MO
 Childhood dream Career: Vet
 Something we don't know about you: I am a picky eater
 Talents: Helping people
 Free Time: I like to go to movies, go out with friends, and read
 Hobbies: Sports, dancing
 Proud Accomplishment: Making it to the top three finalists out of 250 for the Trail Blazer Award. It's an award through the LUME Institute recognizing teachers on work in their field.
 Favorite Holiday: Easter
 Favorite Food: Mac & Cheese
 Favorite Movie: The Blindsight
 Favorite TV Show: NCIS LA
 Favorite Music: Country
 What Do You Like About Your Job: The kids and their hugs
 Why Do You Like Being A Lion: Being able to help people and change lives
 Why Did You Become a Lion? Because I wanted to help people and the community.



He got fired after 1 hour!



He drove 14 hrs to help grandpa (& Lion Pat)!



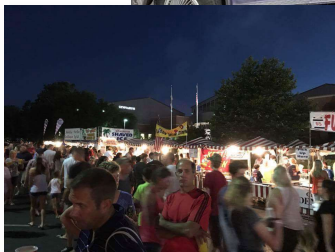
Carnival & BBQ 2017



They waited to serve!



They had fun!



July 20, 2017, 1:30 PM
108 in Shade



Just a reminder!
2014



Bring Back Memories!!
2013



Can You Identify These
Gentlemen?
(See Page 8 for Answer)

