

# Webster Groves Lions Newsletter

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2017

President Lion Rob Halama  
Members: 70

## President's Message



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Fellow LIONS,

In my last President's Message, I waxed poetic about how we were heading for a "Winter Wonderland".

Still waiting for it. Sure, we had a couple little snows, and that pesky evil night of ice, but still not the snow-whomping that most, if not all, of us have come to know.

Mind you, I do not want to appear that I'm complaining. It's just that it is out there, waiting for us.

Patiently waiting for us.

But that's okay. As I said before, we are in our "slow" season. Our (hopefully) resting season. Our hibernating season. Our "Go Have Fun" season. (Speaking of fun, I want to send a special "HUZZAH!" out to Lion Jerry Clubbs for filling in for an ailing Lion George Winkeler this year as the Big Guy at our **Pancakes with Santa**. He was just so adorable! Also, in the "FUN" category, **Meramec Heights** is having their **Trivia Night** on January 28<sup>th</sup>. For a good time, call them.)

But that will all change shortly. Very shortly.

Before you know it, our grills will be fired up for the first BBQ of 2017. (Can ya smell that smoke?) March ain't *that* far away, my friends.

Speaking of BBQs. Since Lent begins on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and ends on April 13<sup>th</sup>, it looks like Lion Leo will be frying our "World Famous" Gluten-free fish for *two* BBQs this year.

Mmmmmmm. Tasty.

Please plan ahead to come down and put in a few hours. Not just for Lent and the fish fries, but for as many Os as you can. We'd love to see you.

Also, it is not my intent to scare anyone, but prepping for the 2017 Carnival has begun. Oh yes! It is a long, long process and Lion Becky is our Carnival Chair this year. After two years of rain, we *might* be due for good weather. Really good weather. (If you have any pull with the Man upstairs, please pull.)

Our other Spring activities are coming too. The Easter Egg Hunt and Baseball Opening Day are getting closer and closer.

It is getting to be time to shake those winter cobwebs out and joining in the fun (yeah, and *work*) at our events this year. Hope to see you all.

(To those of you with "pull" with the Man upstairs. Please do what you can to make sure that the snow-whomping and cold weather are done and over with well *before* our March BBQ.)

Thanks for listening.

President 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](mailto:speeler36@hotmail.com)

**Officers**

President – Lion Rob Halama  
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Polly Thompson, Anne Sullivan, Helen Keller, Charlie Chaplin - 1915



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.

*I would like to make this a feature every month, so all you current and past presidents, please resurrect your records and send in why you selected an individual for Lion of the Month, and you Officers please do an article on what you really do, not what LCI thinks you do.*

**LIONS of the Month**

Our club awards a "Lion of the Month" award to the individual(s), who go out of their way to serve. This award is not necessarily awarded every month.

This individual is not a Lion, but goes out of his way to help:

Thanks to Lion Teddi Speeler for this article.

"When I think of a LION, I think of someone who is dedicated, hardworking, willing to put others above themselves, and has a compassionate heart. This person in particular fits all of those adjectives. He shows up to every bbq and works sometimes from open to close, and then goes on to work at his job all evening and into the night. He is at our carnival from day 1 until the end, at times staying overnight for security and then coming back again to help during the day. Hard working really doesn't do this young man justice.

This past summer at our June BBQ the heat was hot and everyone was feeling it; most LIONS took breaks and cooled off, not this young man. He kept on so that our older members could take breaks. Finally, he sat down and took a rest and I looked at him, he was fully exhausted and hot from the raging sun and thought 'damn that's a hard working young man'. I think sometimes we forgot that he is only 21 and not even a LION. He works just as hard as us, maybe even harder at times and he isn't even a LION. He helps us because it's a good thing to do, not for the parties, not for the notoriety, not for any other reason than it's the right thing to do.

So with all that being said my Key Person Award goes to

**Andrew Gregory  
 July 2015"**

**Secretarial Duties**

By Secretary Lion Maria

Initially, the job of Secretary for the Lions Club seems easy enough, with the following basic responsibilities:

- Record minutes all meetings [stay alert - caffeine is okay, but not illegal drugs]. Keep record of who attends the meetings

[members only - not pets], and record it in the attendance spreadsheet [riveting fun]. Collect and note payment of attendees who eat dinner [anyone who doesn't pay will have their intestines ripped out]. Type Board Meeting minutes and read them to the club members at the next Business meeting, and to the Board at their next Meeting [record names of members sleeping during this].

- Assemble names of members who have an anniversary and birthday during the month of each meeting, and provide to the President, who reads them at the Business meeting [don't mess this up - it could result in date rage!]
  - Track dues paid by members, and periodically notify those who have not paid [not the fastest path to popularity with these members]. Work with the Treasurer to ensure the financial records of dues payments sync up with secretarial records [the Treasurer is your BFF in any money matters - be nice to this person. Grovel, if necessary]. Distribute membership cards to members after they have paid their dues [this is the only time you'll get an unforced smile].
  - Review mail, and assemble thank you notes from entities the club has given donations to, and pass around during meetings [some members immediately pass this folder to the next person, or use the folder as a placemat]. Keep list of requests for donations. Create a short profile on entities the club has given donations to [be sure to include any felony convictions of organization heads in the profiles].
  - Keep LCI website updated on WG Lions club members and activities, including updating member information [members who do not promptly notify the Secretary of changes may find a tarantula in their car at a later date]. For club activities, note how many members were involved in the activity and the amount of money made [our club does a lot and makes a lot. Be sure to rub this into other 26-M2 club members whenever possible].
  - Other stuff
- There's more to the job than is listed here [to include it all would result in a sure cure for insomnia]. The Secretary has to keep a bunch of balls in the air to make sure all needs and duties are addressed, on time and correctly. A detailed description of the Secretarial job is available, with ad nauseam detail covering who, what, when, and where, so you have what you need to get the job done. There are times when you will question why you volunteered for this job [extreme alcohol consumption could provide enlightenment on this], but it is good to know that you can make a positive impact on what the club accomplishes, and helping members to accomplish it.

**First BBQ of Season**  
*(Although last of fiscal year)*

The first BBQ of this calendar year will be March 10/11. Please contact Lion Becky at [speeler22@hotmail.com](mailto:speeler22@hotmail.com) to volunteer. There is always something to do.

**Officer Installation**

Installation of Officers for the 2016 - 2017 year will be held April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Genesis Banquet Center. Please check the website calendar for further details.

**Heart of the Community Awards**

Feb 3, 2017. Come help honor Lion Norma Belcher. See <http://webstershrewsburychamber.com/> for further details and reservations.

**LIONS District 26-M2 Ninth Annual Convention**

Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>.

Refer to website calendar for details.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our Christmas party was a great success.



**FEED THE TEAM**

A long standing tradition of the Webster Lions Club, is feeding lunch to the Webster Groves football team, cheerleaders, and coaches. This year, it was on Tuesday November 22. A lot of food was prepared and served.



**CHRISTMAS CHILD**



Lions Becky & Teddi buying gifts for Christmas Child Shoeboxes

**PANCAKES WITH SANTA**

Another great turnout for Pancakes with Santa this year. Many thanks to Lion Jerry for filling in for an ailing Santa.



**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS**

Many thanks to the following Lions who stood and shook their bells":

Pam Rosen, Fred Yoder, Harris Gerhard, Phil Hunt, John Gregory Jerry Clubs, Derek Bean Vicky & Mike Swederska, Sandy & Rob Halama, Norma & Bill Belcher Tim & Pat Rabbitt, Teddi & Becky Speeler

And of course, Lion Don Gerber

A special thanks to Lion Greg Hanser for coordinating this effort.



**THANKSGIVING MEALS**

Each year the Webster Groves LIONS provide 3 families in the WG School district with all the trimmings for a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. Our point of contact at Bristol Elementary this year was Deidre Townsend, social services administrator for WG Schools.

Lion Rob and I purchased turkeys, potatoes, stuffing, corn, pies and more. We rounded out the meal with a \$50 gift card, so families could fill in any items not provided. Meals were delivered to Bristol Elementary on Monday, November 21st.

With diligent shopping, the meals came in under budget. However, while checking out with three baskets of food at the Des Peres Schnucks, I was approached by a wonderful lady asking if the food was for charity. Once confirmed, she handed me a roll of bills and said she wanted to help with the cost. It wasn't until we were loading the groceries in the car that we counted and realized she had given us \$100!

We didn't get the name of this very generous person, but it definitely made our day so special and warm, knowing there are kind people in the world who give so much without any needed recognition.

Yours in Lionism  
 LION Sandy Halama



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!!!



## Are You Smarter Than Your Spam?

### Newer, sophisticated junk emails elude filters to con you

With an estimated 400 billion messages every day, spam makes up the majority of [internet](#) email traffic. But because today's spam filters are so effective—blocking more than 99 percent of junk messages—few actually make it to your in-box.

So cybercriminals are changing tactics to steal your money and identity. Rather than blasting out tens of millions of identical pleas from Nigerian kings and sellers of cut-rate Viagra, they're moving to smaller batches of better crafted come-ons that claim to be from companies and people you know and trust. I'm talking about your bank, insurance company and medical provider—and people like your boss, family members and longtime friends.

#### How it works

Known as "artisanal" spam, these emails go to only a few thousand recipients, which gives them a leg up in making it to your in-box. "The more emails sent by a particular party, the better chance they are blocked by spam filters," explains John Wilson of cybersecurity firm Agari. "With artisanal spam there are fewer targets, but the likelihood of any one victim falling for it is much greater."

That's because recipients are carefully courted with personalized traps. Often the information comes from data breaches—hacks into corporate computer systems to steal customer lists. "People who went to a certain medical clinic, for instance, may get a bill with their names, account numbers and dates of treatment," Wilson says. "And that money goes to criminals' accounts."

In another variation, crooks use special software to collect [personal details](#) from LinkedIn and other social networking sites. Or they send you malware-infected links in emails that seem to come from Facebook friends. "Once you click that link," Wilson says, "every keystroke typed is sent to the criminal—including when you go to your online accounts and enter your name and password."

#### Here's how to Protect yourself

Don't be fooled by the name displayed as the sender. Inspect the address that the message came from—a long series of letters or words after ".com" suggests it was sent by a spammer.

Be suspicious of links. When legitimate companies offer to remedy problems, or ask to update information, the email typically doesn't include links; instead the companies direct you to their website.

Verify. If you get an email with a link along with a message from a friend saying "check this out," call to find out if they really sent it.

Parse the credit card number. Emails pretending to be from credit card companies often cite the beginning numbers of an account; legitimate messages more likely cite the last few numbers. Reason: Like phone numbers, many credit cards start with the same digits.

Examples of two "artisanal spam" (phishing) emails:

**Fred Yoder 2**

From: Bruce Yoder <ssc0147322a@outlook.com>  
 Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2011 10:24 AM  
 To: Fred Yoder  
 Subject: Fwd: Fwd: to Fred Yoder

you would appreciate this <http://www.t1yq.news5690y.ru/fred-yoder/>

Although this is my son's name, this is not his email address

This link is a Russian address and is a spoof. If you click on this link, your computer most likely will be infected. NEVER CLICK ON THESE LINKS.

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**Webster Groves Lions**

From: USPS Support <clifford.klein@viralballs.com>  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 4:13 PM  
 To: contactus@webstergroveslions.com  
 Subject: [SPAM]Parcel 4479277 delivery notification, USPS  
 Attachments: Ground\*Label=4479277.zip

Dear Customer,

Your parcel was successfully delivered December 19 to USPS Station, but our co

You can download the shipment label attached!

Your help is greatly appreciated,  
 Clifford Klein,  
 USPS Mail Delivery Manager.

This is not a legitimate email address for the United States Postal Service..

This attachment is a spoof. If you click on this link, your computer most likely will be infected. NEVER CLICK ON THESE LINKS.

## February Birthdays

Lion Dennis Donze - 12<sup>th</sup>

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



## March Birthdays

Lion Norma Belcher - 6<sup>th</sup>

Lion Dave Whitney - 12<sup>th</sup>

Lion Lou Schopper - 20<sup>th</sup>

## February Anniversaries

Lion Mary Ulrich - 2 yrs

Lion Helen O'Keefe - 2 yrs

Lion Raymond Johnson - 5 yrs

Lion Thomas Nieman - 5 yrs

Lion Tim Rabbit - 11 yrs

## March Anniversaries

Lion Max Burton - 15 yrs

Lion Cheryl Davidson - 16 yrs

Lion Tim Donze - 16 yrs

Lion Lee Keefer - 50 yrs

Lion Larry Saiter - 9 yrs

Lion Maria Saiter - 9 yrs

Lion Ryan Whittington - 15 yrs

### Perfect Attendance

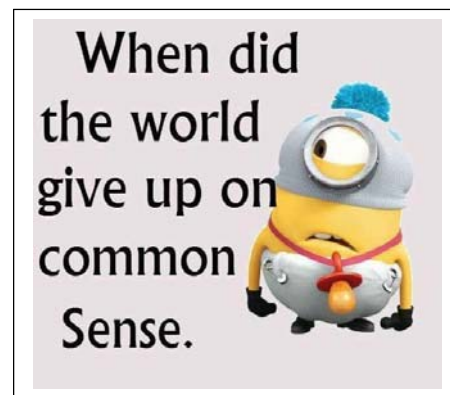
In order to receive a perfect attendance pin, you must attend all 26 meetings. If you miss a meeting you can make it up by working a function within a two-week time frame.

### 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!



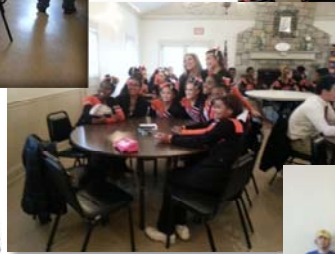
*LIONS Angelique & Rik Taylor*

FEATURED LION

Who Is It: Lion Angelique Taylor  
 Married to: Lion Rik Taylor  
 Children:  
 Resides in: Webster Groves  
 Pets: Cats & dogs  
 Church: In My Heart  
 Born and Raised: St Louis  
 Childhood dream Career: Journalist  
 Something we don't know about you: I can make something out of nothing  
 Talents: Keen sense of adventure and spontaneity, creativity  
 Free Time: Kids, grandkids, and family  
 Hobbies: Art  
 Proud Accomplishment: Creating a successful employment program for ex-offenders  
 Favorite Holiday: Christmas  
 Favorite Food: Chocolate cake  
 Favorite Movie: Gigi  
 Favorite TV Show: Masterpiece Theater  
 Favorite Music: Anything but Rap or post 1970 Country  
 What Do You Like About Your Job? I'm boss  
 Why Do You Like Being A Lion? Not sure yet. Still learning  
 Why Did You Become a Lion? We want to help our community and better the world/enjoy meeting people.

FEATURED LION

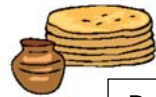
Who Is It: Lion Rik Taylor  
 Married to: Lion Angelique Taylor  
 Children:  
 Resides in: Webster Groves  
 Pets: Cats and dogs  
 Church: In my Heart  
 Born and Raised: St Louis  
 Childhood dream Career: Entrepreneur  
 Something we don't know about you: I have a great sense of humor  
 Talents: Keen sense of adventure and spontaneity, creativity  
 Free Time: Kids, grandkids, and family  
 Hobbies: Bowling  
 Proud Accomplishment: I have a successful business  
 Favorite Holiday: Christmas  
 Favorite Food: Fried chicken  
 Favorite Movie: Christmas Vacation  
 Favorite TV Show: . Masterpiece Theater  
 Favorite Music: Anything but Rap or post 1970 Country  
 What Do You Like About Your Job? I'm the boss  
 Why Do You Like Being A Lion: Not sure yet. Still learning.  
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Thanksgiving Feast



Christmas Party



Pancakes w/Santa

### Why Is an Unwanted or Useless Possession Called a *White Elephant*?

The quintessential *white elephant* has several qualities in common: It is large and unwieldy; it is expensive (or at least extravagant for its category); it is a gift; and it is a gift that can't be refused in the first place and then can't be returned or destroyed for some reason. (Otherwise, who would want to keep a white elephant around the house?)

All of these connotations stem from the original *white elephants*, a strain of albino (actually whitish-gray) pachyderms that were considered sacred by the Siamese. Any captured white elephant, became, by law, property of the emperor. Under no circumstances could white elephants be destroyed without royal permission.

Any monarch worth his salt is besieged by assorted hangers-on, and a Siamese emperor devised an ingenious method to punish particularly obnoxious courtiers. He bestowed upon them the gift of one of the sacred white elephants. Unsuspecting courtiers probably could think only about the good news: the tremendous honor they had received. Rather soon, however, they recognized the bad news: They were saddled with a literal and metaphorical *white elephant*. At least that awful vase that your boss brought you when you invited him over for dinner is an inanimate object, one that can be dragged out of the basement or a closet if he should by some miracle ever be re-invited back. But real elephants do annoying things like eating and defecating and running around and tearing down fences.

Recipients of the white elephants were not allowed to work the elephants. They couldn't even ride them. Only the emperor was allowed to ride the white elephant, and the recipient was always aware that he must keep the elephant on hand in case the emperor decided he felt like a trot.

But the recipients had a more pressing problem: They simply could not afford the upkeep of the elephant. So although the contemporary recipient of a white elephant is only emotionally scarred, the earliest victims were inevitably financial ruined.

*(Extracted from "Imponderables" by David Feldman)*

#### YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2017 when...

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail and text the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail or text addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries...
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.
11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. : )
- 12 You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on this list.

### Easter Punch

#### Ingredients

25 ounces gin, such as Plymouth  
 20 ounces Acacia Honey Syrup, recipe follows  
 15 ounces freshly squeezed lime juice  
 10 ounces velvet falernum  
 10 ounces freshly squeezed grapefruit juice  
 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
 Rock candy sticks, for garnish  
 Acacia Honey Syrup:  
 2 cups acacia honey



#### Directions

Mix together the gin, Acacia Honey Syrup, lime juice, velvet falernum, grapefruit juice and nutmeg in a punch bowl.

Fill a teapot with ice and then add some of the punch; stir in the teapot for 15 seconds. Pour into teacups and serve with rock candy sticks. Repeat with the remaining punch.

#### Acacia Honey Syrup:

Combine the honey and 2 cups water in a small saucepan and bring just to a simmer, stirring, until the honey dissolves. Remove from the heat and let cool completely. Refrigerate, covered, up to 2 weeks. Yield: About 4 cups

Recipe courtesy of Geoffrey Zakarian

Total Time: 25 min  
 Prep: 5 min  
 Inactive: 15 min  
 Cook: 5 min  
 Yield: 10 to 12 servings

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