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Celebrating our 93rd Anniversary
2018

President Lion Sandy Halama
Members: 71

President's Message



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Our Motto
"We Serve"

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Groves
Lions
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"Welcome aboard!

For anyone that missed my installation, that's the idea for this year. Come aboard for a wonderful fun voyage year of LIONISM. Thanks again to those that could help ring in the New Year, I hope everyone enjoyed the evening. I was honored to have District Governor Joe Dettler attend and be installed by 2nd Vice District Governor George Winkeler. My goal this year is to help each member enjoy the time spent at our club meetings and activities. Everyone likes a good time, and if we are having fun then it is no longer work. During this voyage, I want to emphasize embracing our differences, building on each member's strengths and forging ahead with ideas on how to ensure we take this great club into the future.

We have a wide variety of activities, functions and fundraisers. Whether you enjoy BBQs, hiding Easter eggs, judging art, making auction baskets, talking to students or delivering donations to our worthy causes, there is something for everyone in our club. Each member should think about why they joined this club. What do you truly enjoy, what is your passion? Whatever that is, now is the time to grab the opportunity and run with it. Either join the team on a current activity or bring a new idea that excites you to the club. Who knows, that idea could be the next great fundraiser or activity! Most important, don't sit back, or not engage, because of fear of rejection or stepping on toes.

And then there is membership. Of course, our goal is always to bring in new members. That is how a club stays strong and passes the torch to those that will follow in our footsteps. But not just any members, look for those who are interested in our club events, excited to be a part of the meetings, and are committed to being a great LION. It seems to me that we are not always successful in keeping all of our

new members. I would like to change that by ensuring they feel welcome, and part of the club right from the start. I have some ideas I will share at our first meeting, but I encourage everyone to think about what we can do to help our new members truly engage and be a LION. By allowing a new voice to be heard we can make sure everyone has the opportunity to be the LION they want to be.

As I said in my speech at installation, I challenge each of you, even those that have been around awhile, to try something new this year. Maybe look at those things you have done for a long time and pass the torch. Train a new member whose passion might be the activity you lead.

To quote John Heywood, "Many hands make light work". Mixing it up, seeing new faces, new ideas and spreading the fun. That is what will make this our best voyage year ever!

Yours in Lionism,
President Lion Sandy



*As we embark on
this journey with President Lion
Sandy, we all need to "row" together!*

RSVP FOR DINNER

Meals for our meetings are purchased & prepared by Lions Teddi & Becky which requires a lot of effort on their part.

In addition to the effort required, we have been spending more on meeting meals than necessary. This is the result of not knowing who will show up.

Our calendar service sends members notices of meetings with the opportunity to RSVP directly from your email with the click of a mouse.

Please utilize this service **that we pay for.**

**OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS
2018 - 2019**

President	Lion Sandy Halama
Past President	Lion John Gregory
1 st Vice	Lion Becky Speeler
2 nd Vice	Lion Missy Carr
3 rd Vice	Lion Pat Rabbitt
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Lion Tamer	Lion Fred Yoder
LCIF Coordinator	Lion John Gregory
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Mktg/Comm. Chair	Lion Fred Yoder
Membership Chair	Lion Becky Speeler

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Lion Jerry Clubbs
Lion Theron Poe
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**Helen Keller (left) and Anne Sullivan
Learning manual alphabet
Circa 1893**



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.

Meet Our New Officer Positions

On July 4, 2017, LCI issued a new Constitution & ByLaws which must be adopted by Lions Clubs. While many of the changes have not been addressed yet, the ones involving the additional officer and board member positions were addressed during the nomination & voting process for officers for the upcoming fiscal year. These changes were accommodated by an amendment to our Constitution and ByLaws.

In addition to the nine officers we have previously had, LCI has added four additional positions and seats on the Board.

LCIF COORDINATOR - LION JOHN GREGORY

He/she communicates the mission and success of LCIF and its importance to Lions Clubs International, implements LCIF development strategies within the club and collaborates with LCIF district coordinator to promote LCIF in the local area to ensure alignment with district goals. This position also collaborates with the club service chairperson and the Global Action Team to support club initiatives

CLUB SERVICE CHAIRPERSON - LION TEDDI SPEELER

He/She shall:

- (a) Serve as a key member of the club's Global Action Team as the club Service Chairperson.
- (b) Collaborate with the District Global Service Coordinator, club LCIF coordinator, district leaders, members of the club's service committee and others to develop and communicate annual service goals and action plans that address current community needs and align with the Lions Clubs International service framework and/or district service goals when relevant.
- (c) Lead the service committee to implement the club's service action plans in order to achieve the club's service goals.
- (d) Incorporate opportunities for local youth and Leos to engage in all aspects of service activities, including goal setting, implementation, project evaluation and reporting.
- (e) Report service activities to Lions Clubs International.
- (f) Serve as a club resource on current community needs by monitoring the service activities of other service clubs, developing community partnerships to expand service, and utilizing tools and resources offered by Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation.
- (g) Increase member satisfaction by encouraging participation and engagement in service projects.
- (h) Collaborate with the club membership chairperson and other club committees to promote membership opportunities to non-Lions during service projects.
- (i) Attend the district governor's advisory committee meeting of the zone in which this club is located when appropriate

Mktg/Communications Chairperson - Lion Fred Yoder

He/She shall:

(a) Develop and implement annual communications plans for internal and external audiences, including club members, news media, supporters/sponsors and potential new members.

(b) Publicize club activities, including service projects, fundraisers, donations, Lions Clubs International sponsored contests and other newsworthy accomplishments both internally and externally via the news media, social media, and other effective means.

(c) Expand humanitarian initiatives, community involvement and membership initiatives through social media.

(d) Provide communication tools to club members and to encourage all club members to participate in promoting the club's activities via social media, referral and other effective means of communication.

(e) Assist the club president in communicating information from the district, multiple district and international headquarters with the club members.

(f) Work closely with the club membership chairperson to target and reach out to new potential club members.

(g) Attend the district governor's advisory committee meeting of the zone in which this club is located when appropriate. Participate in meetings held by the district marketing communications chairperson

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON - LION BECKY SPEELER

He/She shall:

- (a) Serve as a key member of the club's Global Action Team as the club Membership Chairperson.
- (b) Collaborate with the District Global Membership Coordinator, district leaders, members of the club's membership committee and others to develop annual membership goals and action plans to recruit new members and to increase membership satisfaction among current club members. Present the plan to the club's board of directors for approval and support.
- (c) Develop and lead a membership committee to help implement action plans to achieve the club's membership goals and to positively increase the member experience.
- (d) Collaborate with the club service chairperson as well as other club committees to promote membership opportunities.
- (e) Understand the different membership types and programs offered and promote membership programs to club members.
- (f) Ensure each new member is provided an effective membership orientation and is provided opportunities to be engaged in club activities that are meaningful to the new member.
- (g) Attend the district governor's advisory committee meeting of the zone in which this club is located when appropriate.
- (h) Participate in Global Membership Team meetings held by the district.

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.

Board Meetings

April 5th & May 3rd
3540 Greenwood Blvd.
Maplewood, MO 63143

Business Meetings

April 12th & May 10th, 2018
Hawken House Hearth Room
1155 S. Rock Hill RD. Webster
Groves, MO 63119

General Meetings

April 26th & May 24th, 2018
Hawken House Hearth Room
1155 S. Rock Hill RD. Webster
Groves, MO 63119

Next BBQs of Season

April 13/14, May 11/12, 2018
General Grant Center, 8400
Watson Road, Webster Groves,
MO 63119

96th Annual Missouri Lions State Convention

We look forward to a wonderful Missouri Lions State Convention at the Double Tree Hotel - Westport in St. Louis Missouri. Mark your calendars now for April 26-29, 2018 and get your registration turned in today!! For more information go to: <http://www.molionsstateconvention.org/>

2018 Wine Fest

April 29, 2018
Hawken House Hearth Room
1155 S. Rock Hill RD. Webster
Groves, MO 63119

1st BBQ of Season**March 9/10th**

Friday Partly Sunny 49°, quite pleasant
Saturday, Cloudy, misty rain, 55°, a bit miserable

In spite of weather, a very good weekend. Even though we had to purchase all supplies since it is the beginning of the season, we still ended up with a profit.

Much thanks to those volunteer Lions that showed up on Thursday to set up. Lion Sandy did an expert job of guiding the group of "misfits" to get everything properly setup. It saved us considerable time on Friday.

As usual during the Lenten season, we served gluten free fried fish. Apparently, we have one of the few gluten free fried fish in the area, and many customers came especially for the fish. Lion Leo reported that we served 150# of fish, and due to Lion Leo's expert planning, all fish was served and only 6 patrons did not get fish.

**2018 Officer Installation**

The Lions Club of Webster Groves installed the Officers for the years of 2018-2019 on March 16, 2018 at the Genesis Banquet Center. Incoming President Lion Sandy's theme of the event was "Caribbean Cruise", which turned a usually stodgy event into a fun evening.

Seventeen new Officers were installed by Lion George Winkeler who superbly interwove the history of Caribbean Islands into the position of the officer he was inducting.



Lion Sandy's acceptance speech emphasized having fun while still working hard to raise the money we use for charitable purposes. She also stressed the need for the club to change with the times in order to attract and keep new, younger members.

Congratulations to Lion Rob Halama for his Melvin Jones Fellowship, and also as our Lion of the Year.

Thanks to new President Lion Sandy Halama for "out of the box" thinking in the planning and the hard work required for the execution of this event.

Looking forward to a great year.

Follow this link for more pictures.

<https://www.facebook.com/WebsterGrovesLionsClub/posts/1853891444634995>

2018 Wine Fest

We will again have a "go" at a Wine Fest, but in the spring. It will be held April 29, 2018, 2-5 pm, at the Hawken House Hearth Room, 1155 S. Rock Hill Rd, 63119. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

As usual there will be a 50/50 drawing and raffle. 15% of any sales will go to the club.

This year, let's see if "outsiders" can outnumber Lions.



Call Lion Sandy @ 314-795-7456 or Lion Larry @ 314-993-0068

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!!!



AND WHAT DO WE DO WITH CARNIVAL & BBQ EARNINGS (& OTHER DONATIONS)?

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

Leader Dogs for the Blind

It started with "\$400 and a hatful of ideas." Donald P. Schuur Leader Dogs for the Blind would not exist today if not for Lions Clubs International. Beginning with the support of one club, Leader Dog is now supported by Lions Clubs from all over the world.

It all began in 1938, when Charles A. Nutting, Donald P. Schurr and S. A. Dodge led the Uptown Lions Club of Detroit in establishing a school to train guide dogs for people who are blind. Their motivation was Dr. Glenn Wheeler, a fellow Uptown Lion whose attempts to be accepted by another guide dog organization proved unsuccessful. The first clients were housed at the Park Avenue Hotel in Detroit and graduated in the fall of 1938. Three Detroit Lions Clubs held a contest among all Lions Clubs for a new name for their venture. Over 500 names were submitted from around the world. The winning name "Lions Leader" was submitted by the Lions Club of Coulterville, Illinois.

On April 4, 1939, Lions Leader Dog Foundation was incorporated as a Michigan nonprofit. In May 1939, the Foundation leased a small farm in Rochester Hills, Michigan to house their new venture. Fifty dollars per month rented a farmhouse for the clients and staff, a barn for the dogs and a garage. On October 8, 1939, the first class of the official Lions Leader Dog Foundation graduated. The cost to graduate a client/dog team was \$600.

Soon after incorporation, the Lions International Board of Directors requested that the word "Lions" be removed from the name because they had not sanctioned official support of the organization. So on June 15, 1940, the new name "Leader Dog League for the Blind" became official.

The remainder of the 1940s saw additional growth of the organization and increased involvement of local and nationwide Lions Clubs. Support came in the form of donations, identifying potential client and spreading the word of Leader Dog's work and mission.

The decade of the '50s welcomed the first Leader Dog week (Dec. 3-9, 1950) in Michigan as proclaimed by Governor G. Mennen Williams. Leader Dog received a new Executive Director in 1951, Harold "Pock" Pocklington. Pock had been on the Board of Trustees since 1948 after he first visited Leader Dog while a District Governor-Elect. He would stay at Leader Dog until his death in 1986. Leader Dog's global ties to the Lions began strengthening in 1953 when S. A. Dodge served as president of Lions International, bringing Leader Dog to the Lions at the highest possible level. Melvin Jones, founder of Lionism, gave Leader Dog his personal endorsement in 1958.

The 1960s brought continued growth at Leader Dog in terms of number of clients graduated, number of dogs trained and number of employees on staff. In 1963, Lions International President Jorge Bird of Puerto Rico became involved with Leader Dog when he brought a Spanish soldier, Francisco A. Garcia, who had been blinded by a shell explosion, to get a dog. Until this time, the Lions were unable to establish themselves in Spain because its leader General Franco opposed having international associations in the country. However, when Garcia returned to Spain he received much press and Franco became aware of him. When President Bird was finally able to get an audience with Franco, he provided approval for Lions to establish themselves in Spain. At this meeting, Franco recognized the Lions as the group that "gave the dog to someone in Barcelona." The association of Lions of Spain and Leader Dog continues to this day. On May 10, 1968, Leader Dog received permission to use the Lions emblem by Lions International, formalizing the deep connection between the two organizations. The Lions' sustained support of Leader Dog was celebrated in 1972 with the addition of a life-size Lion to the Downtown Rochester training facility. The 2,200 pound statue was installed by the Shelby Township Lions and was designed and constructed by Gan Jacobsen (who became a long-time Trustee of Leader Dog). During this decade, Pock, who was still serving as Executive Director of Leader Dog, was twice elected to the Lions International Board (1974-75, 1978-79).

Leader Dog is recognized as a "Best In America" Charity by the Independent Charities of America (ICA).

It is for us to pray not for tasks equal to our powers,
but for powers equal to our tasks, to go forward
with a great desire forever beating at the door of
our hearts as we travel toward our distant goal.

Helen Keller

Compliments of Lion Bill Belcher's calendar.

April Birthdays

Lion Quin Swederska - 4th
 Lion Scott Young - 6th
 Lion Robbie Poe - 26th



May Birthdays

Lion Maria Suter - 7th
 Lion Jerry Clubbs - 21th
 Lion Tim Greenlaw - 25th
 Lion Larry M. Schmaier - 26th
 Lion Randy Belcher - 26th

April Anniversaries

Lion Pam Rosen - 10 yrs
 Lion Fred Yoder - 10 yrs
 Lion Leo Christ - 39 yrs
 Lion Lou Schopper - 57 yrs

May Anniversaries

Lion Randy Belcher - 13 yrs
 Lion Barb Schopper - 23 yrs
 Lion Bob Buerk - 26 yrs
 Lion Craig Krabbe - 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 Sandy Halama.

Keep an eye out for the next Squeal!
 If you have any news or pictures, please submit to Lion Fred at contactus@webstergroveslions.org



LIONS DIANE & MARK HARRIS

FEATURED LION

Who Is It: Diane Harris
 Married to: Lion Mark Harris
 Children: None
 Resides in: Rock Hill, MO
 Pets: Pumpkin the Dog
 Church: Cornerstone E-Free
 Born and Raised: St Louis/Florissant, MO
 Childhood Dream Career: Archeologist
 Something we don't know about you: I can read Mark's mind.
 Talents: I speak German
 Free Time: I bake
 Hobbies: I crochet Prayer Blankets
 Proud Accomplishment: College graduate
 Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving
 Favorite Food: Anything I am NOT supposed to eat
 Favorite Movie: Too many
 Favorite TV Show: Wisdom of the Crowd & Blindspot
 Favorite Music: Renaissance
 What Do You Like About Your Job? Being retired
 Why Do You Like Being A Lion?
 Why Did You Become a Lion? To support my husband.

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FEATURED LION

Who Is It: Mark Harris
 Married to: Lion Diane Harris
 Children: Drew Harris
 Resides in: Rock Hill, MO
 Pets: Pumpkin the Dog
 Church: Cornerstone E-Free
 Born and Raised: Illinois
 Childhood dream Career: Baseball or lawyer
 Talents: Drummer
 Free Time: Reading
 Hobbies: Politics
 Proud Accomplishments: Major in Political Science & Vending Business
 Favorite Holiday: Christmas & Resurrection Sunday
 Favorite Food: Meat
 Favorite Movie: Ray (Movie about Ray Charles)
 Favorite TV Show: Young and the Restless
 Favorite Music: Rock & Classical
 What Do You Like About Your Job? I am retired!!!!
 Why Do You Like Being A Lion: _____
 Why Did You Become a Lion? Because they help the blind.

Prez Lion
John's Exodus

2018 Officer
Installation



Lion Rob Receiving the
Melvin Jones Fellowship.

How About A Poem This time?
MOTHER EARTH

This mother Earth,
Who gives us life;
This mother Earth,
Heart filled with strife,

We love her not,
Though love we should;
Her death we plot,
For life's "own good";

She gave us air, and food, and home,
That's not enough we humans scream;
With greedy lust our mouths do foam,
With evil hopes our eyes do gleam;

Her air we fill,
With smoke and death;
Ourselves we kill,
For lack of breath;

The sea once clean,
Now choked with waste;
To drink we fear,
Will death make haste;

The soil once pure,
And full of life;
Now barren sand,
Of farmer's strife;

No longer she,
Can stand our "love";
Now we must flee,
Like scattered dove;

She gave us all,
Unto the end;
Now we appalled,
Our lives defend

© Joshua Isham

Gluten Free **Black Bean Brownies**
(Just for Lion Sharon)

Ingredients

1 (15.5 ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
3 eggs
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/4 cup cocoa powder
1 tablespoons salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3/4 cup white sugar
1 teaspoon instant coffee or 1 cup string brewed coffee (optional)
1/2 cup milk chocolate chips (optional)



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease an 8x8 square baking dish.
2. Combine the black beans, eggs, oil, cocoa powder, salt, vanilla extract, sugar, and instant coffee (or brewed coffee) in a blender; blend until smooth; pour the mixture into the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle the chocolate chips over the top of the mixture.
3. Bake in the preheated oven until the top is dry and the edges start to pull away from the sides of the pan, about 30 minutes.

Prep 10 m Cook 30 m Ready In 40 m

Servings: 16

Nutrition Facts

Per Serving: 126 calories; 5.3 g fat; 18.1 g carbohydrates; 3.3 g protein; 35 mg cholesterol; 129 mg sodium. Powered by the ESHA Research Database © 2018, [ESHA Research, Inc.](http://www.esharesearch.com) All Rights Reserved

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Please send any items you would like to see in this newsletter to Fred Yoder at: fredy1@swbell.net
No later than 1 week prior to publication date.

Why Is a Pedestrian Violation Called *Jaywalking*?

When the colonialists first came to America, blue jays abounded along the Eastern seaboard. As more and more immigrants settled, the jays retreated to the countryside, until eventually jay became synonymous with "hick" in the mid-eighteenth century.

Rural dwellers were often dumbfounded by the chaos of big-city traffic. They crossed in the middle of the street, crossed intersections on red lights after traffic signals were invented, and darted out on the street without looking for cross traffic. *Jaywalking* meant "hick-walking." Today we need an antonym for *jaywalking*, a word to express the ruthlessly efficient kamikaze tactics of pedestrians exhibited by big-city urban dwellers.

From: "Who Put The Butter In Butterfly?"



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