



# Webster Groves LIONS

# SQUEAL

August 2023 Season 3 - Episode 5  
*Carnivals come, and carnivals go.  
And we're glad for both.*

## The Big Wheel.

The pinnacle point  
providing the popular  
purview for pictures  
at this year's party!  
(See page 3 for proof.)



Photo by Nolan Goehring - Hixson Middle School

# Featured Lion

Each issue, we feature one of our Lions.

This Lion is old to Lionism but new to Webster .

We would like to introduce you to Lion ....



\*Name - Nikki Hull

\*Married - No. Single.

\*Children - None

\*Lives in - Fenton, MO

\*Pets - 2 dogs ( Toby & Jade) and 2 cats (Lucky & Rain)

\*Born and Raised - A Fenton-ite from birth.

\*Childhood dream career - Baby Rocker

\*Actual career - Baby Rocker. Volunteer at a childcare center for special needs kids

\*What you like about your job - The kids I get to spend with, and the people I work with. Get to set my own schedule. Been there for 23 yrs.

\*Something we don't know about you - Love travelling, especially beaches and Disneyworld.

\*Talents - Helping others, sincere friend, baker.

\*Free time - Spending time outside, going on walks.

\*Hobbies - Swimming

\*Proud Accomplishment - Flew, by myself, from St. Louis to Los Angeles.

\*Favorite Holiday - Christmas

\*Favorite Food - Steak and baked potato

\*Favorite Movie - Any classic Disney flick.

\*Favorite TV show - Medical dramas

\*Favorite Music - '90s Country

\*Why you like being a Lion - Love helping others. Service project nights are my favorite!

\*Why you became a Lion - Want to help people. I volunteer with multiple organizations. Our Club helps Delta Gamma Center, and I am a preschool alumni of Delta Gamma.



# Carnival 2023



Photo by Nolan Goehring  
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*(The proof: this is the popular purview for pictures at this year's party, provided by the aforementioned pinnacle point! - ed)*

In the blink of an eye, Carnival 2023 and all the hard work and effort put in by so many has come and gone. Reflecting on this carnival has me feeling thankful. I'm thankful to all the LIONS who stepped up to help during the long days of the carnival, thankful to the spouses who volunteer--and for those who can't, who allow their significant other to be away during the event. I'm thankful to the young adult groups such as Younglife, OPUS, Boy Scout Troop 303, and the Webster Groves High School boys and girls basketball teams. Those groups help fill the gaps our club members and other LIONS can't. I'm thankful to the Fenton, Overland, Wildwood, Southside, House Springs, Pacific, Hillsboro, and Meramec Heights LIONS for volunteering this year at the carnival. Those members go out of their way to help us make our event successful. I'm thankful to the WGPD and WGFD who continue to make this event a safe place for our community. I'm thankful to the community of Webster Groves for continuing to come out and support our club at the Carnival and other events we have throughout the year. Knowing that this event helps our club continue our mission to help those in need makes me thankful as well. For this year's carnival, we were able to add a third wristband night and it was immensely successful. Even though we went up in price, people loved it all the same. We changed the food menu this year and people still came out and enjoyed themselves. People loved the beer and bands as well. The weather was great with a little rain here or there and it was a fun time had by all. I hope that all of you can sit back, relax, and reflect like me and remember how great it is to be a Webster Groves LION.

Carnival Chair Lion Becky Shelton

## First meeting at Weber's Front Row - Lion Teddi Speeler

Our new meeting location is Webers Front Row located at 8169 Big Bend Blvd, Webster Groves, Mo 63119. We will have our business and service project meetings here. We have the back room to ourselves which is spacious and provides enough room for guest speakers and service projects. We even have a private bathroom. We order off the menu and pay individually, their menus has a lot of options and the food is great! Can't wait to see you there!

### July Service Project

For our summer service projects we have been working on Pediatric Comfort Bags for kids with cancer at Childrens Hospital. We have partnered with the District and Southside Lions to assemble bags on their



behalf as well as some from the club. With multiple trips we were able to deliver 100 bags filled with toys, blankets, stuffed animals, games, coloring books, journals, pens, pencils and crayons. Childrens Hospital was excited to refill their closet with bags for the kids in need of a pick me up. Thank you to all club members who helped with this project!

Service Coordinator Lion Teddi Speeler

## Anniversaries

### July -

Joe Pinegar - 7yrs    Tony Baumstark - 9yrs    Mike Swederska - 20 yrs    Sharon Christ - 26yrs

### August -

Mahrugh Khan - 11yrs    Vicky Swederska - 19yrs    Larry M. Schumaier - 21yrs  
Mike Capriglione - 22yrs    Jim Greenlaw - 22yrs    Kim Pepple - 25yrs    Dennis Donze - 36yrs

### September -

Shayla Williams - 4yrs    Lee Scherzer - 12yrs Pat Rabbitt - 25yrs    Greg Hanser - 35yrs

### October -

Sandy Halama - 16yrs    Rob Halama - 16yrs    Frank Tallis - 16yrs  
Larri J. Schumaier - 36yrs    Phil Hunt - 38yrs    Kurt Weisenfels - 44yrs

### November -

Norma Belcher - 22yrs

### December -

Michelle Krabbe - 13yrs    Mark Cereghino - 33yrs

# Avery Elementary Back to School Extravaganza - Sandy Halama

Last year, our club catered the Avery Elementary Back to School Picnic. The PTO was so happy with our support, they asked us back for the 2023 picnic at the Deer Creek Park, North Pavilion on August 26<sup>th</sup>. At the time, Anne Jozwik, PTO Picnic chair, anticipated approximately 200 family members. She requested the same menu as 2022 with a few adjustments. Lions Rob and Jerry purchased the food at Sam's and Restaurant Depot, and with the help of Lion Greg, we ensured we had the necessary tools and equipment.



All started well the morning of Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. We were set up and Lions Rob and Fred were cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs when the sky turned grey, the wind kicked up and temperature dropped. We were watching the radar, hoping the storm would pass us by. Around 10 am, Anne

and Ingrid from the PTO came to discuss options. After many calls and consideration, we determined the safest decision was to postpone to Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Although Deer Creek was no longer available, the Avery Principal approved the use of their playground and parking lot.

Lions Rob and Fred continued cooking all of the meat while Lions Greg, Sandy, Teddi, Jerry, Kim and future Lion Carole packed up all of the buns, chips, tools and equipment. The decision to cook all of the meat and store in au jus overnight allowed the team to clean the grill and griddle and pack into the trailer.



Since all the meat was cooked, there was no need to bring them to Avery on Sunday. The team reassembled at Avery on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>, setting up a tent, tables, steamer trays and

a two-burner stove to keep water hot and ready for the steamer trays.

Although the crowd was smaller than expected due to the date change, Anne and PTO leaders were again very happy with our support and said we would be asked again in 2024.





## *In Memoriam*

In the past few months, we have lost Lions,  
and friends of LIONS that have been very  
close to our Club.

Please take a moment or two to remember  
those who have passed this year;

*Dottie Young*

*Wendy Noder*

*Leslie Clubbs*

*Lion Don Gerber*

*Lion Greg Gossage - Meramec Heights*

*When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. - unknown*

## President's Message

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Fellow Lions -

Another 4th has passed, and I hope by now we are all rested. I want to thank all of you for your time and effort.

It has been a tough couple of months. Three lions lost their wives, and one lion went to meet his maker. I want to thank all of you for your prayers and efforts to make this time a little easier for the bereaved.

You do not know how much it comforted me.

Yours in Lionism

- Lion Jerry Clubbs

### **One Final word—**

“Go into the world and do well. But more importantly, go into the world and do good.”

— Minor Myers Jr