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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

1/26/10

Wow, did anybody see that last decade go by? It seems it was just the year 2000 and we were worrying about Y2K. As always that did not come true. Boy do I wish I bought stock in the computer business back then? They made a killing on all those companies buying programs and products to protect themselves from computer crashing.

Even though I have just a few months left in my Webster Groves Lions presidency there is still lots to do. Believe it or not work on this year's carnival is already starting by the Lions and WG city. Some talk is starting to warm up about the March BBQ and I mean warm up since it is darn cold outside as I write this message.

As you should already know, the March BBQ is a fundraiser for Lion Leo Christ. I am asking all Lions to please get the word out to our BBQ customers that it is coming soon. We need to really make this BBQ the benchmark for the rest of the year. As always your volunteer hours are much appreciated. Please get with Lion Ryan Whittington for the schedule. I know it is early for the BBQ, but it is never hurts to plan early.

We have the district convention coming up at the Viking on Lindbergh and Watson. Our club will be a running hospitality room on Friday and Saturday night for all members too enjoy. This is a great time to meet fellow Lions from other clubs. On Friday night they seem to always have live music with a dance floor that gets the party really going. You can move between all the clubs hospitality rooms drink and eat their snakes

for free. What a great time it is. I just wish that all the members of the WG Lions would turn out for this convention. So they could enjoy the festivities as Vicky and I have thru the years.

I know that this month has been kind of crazy with meeting locations and scheduling. Next month we will be back on track and the magnet calendar will be true to its dates.

Lets all plan to be great Lions for the year 2010 by getting involved.

Webster Groves Lion President Mike Swederska Sr.

Guidelines for Perfect Attendance

To receive your perfect attendance pin at the end of the calendar year you must attend all 26 meetings.

If for some reason you miss a meeting you can make that up by either working at the B-B-Q's or attending a Board meeting within a two week time frame.

If you are not active in a specific 2 week time frame, you will not receive a perfect attendance award pin. Final decisions on any discrepancy's will be made by first the president and second by the secretary.

New Lion

We welcome Quin Swederska to the Webster Groves Lions. He is employed at Shur-Way Auto Body. Son of Mike and Vicky. Quin is a very important new member because he is the one who keeps our BBQ equipment running smoothly.

Don't forget Lions we are always looking for old glasses. So clean out your junk drawers. You can bring them to a meeting or you can take them to one of these drops.

Schnucks in Webster Groves

Webster Eye Care in Old Orchard

Webster Groves Public Library

Webster Groves Rec Plex

Sappington Market

Porters Chicken

Shur-Way Auto Body

Gerber Chapel

Haiti Earthquake

LCIF is responding to the need in Haiti. They have been in contact with Lion Leaders in the area to assess the situation and determine the immediate relief needs.

A 50,000. Major catastrophe grant has been sent to support immediate disaster relief efforts.

2010 District Convention

The second 26-M2 convention will be held March 19-21st at the Viking Hotel in Sunset Hills. We are not sharing the Friday night hospitality room this year so we are going to have fun with a fund raising Casino.

It's a great time to meet other Lions from other clubs, see the March of Flags, dance to a DJ, and enjoy eats, drinks and just good time fun. If you want to stay over- night the hotel has discount rooms for Lions until February 16th.

If you are planning to go to the Saturday Night Banquet you will need to sign up as soon as possible.

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Got News, Tips or Picture's

call or email Teddi Speeler
314-724-3721 or at
tspeeler@aol.com

About the Missouri Lions

Since 1917, Lions Clubs have offered people an opportunity to give something back to their communities.

Lions Clubs have always embraced those willing to do something to improve the world around them.

Today Missouri's own 425 statewide clubs and 12,000+ members join the list of 1.3 million members in 44,467 clubs in 751 districts in 202 countries and geographical areas.

Our programs are continually changing to meet new needs and greater demands, but our mission has never wavered.

Mission Statement

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international

understanding through Lions Clubs.

Upcoming Meeting and Events

Feb. 4th Board Meeting
@The Swederska' Garage
Apt. 6:30pm

Feb. 5th Heart of the
Community Banquet @
Orlando Gardens

Feb. 5-7 Midwinter Forum
in Branson Mo.

Feb. 11th General Meeting
@ The Barn 6:30pm

Feb 21st Bowling 9pin no
tap tournament @
Crestwood Lanes.

Feb. 25th General Meeting
@ The Barn 6:30pm

Winter Bowling Fun
When: February 21st, 2010
Where: Crestwood Bowl
Price: \$20.00 for adults
Includes 3-4 games of
bowling, shoe rentals, door
prizes,

We will also have 50/50
drawings, strike pots, and
more.

RSVP Teddi Speeler or
Becky Speeler 314-724-
3721/ 724-3735

By February 11th.

Preventing Theft from
Automobiles.

The St. Louis County
Police would like to help
keep you from becoming
the victim of a
preventable crime.

The Increased popularity
of stereo equipment,
mobile phones and other
personal electronic
devices has encouraged
thieves to break into
unattended vehicles. This
type of crime occurs
when vehicles are left
unattended with
valuables in plain view.

Stealing property from
vehicles is a crime of
opportunity. If you
remove the opportunity
by locking doors and
removing items from
sight, you significantly
reduce the chance of
being victimized.

The St. County Police
Department has put
together these helpful
hints to decrease your
chance of becoming a
victim.

Prevention Measures

Place Valuables out of sight, preferably in the trunk, or take them into the house at night. Normally, thieves will only break into a vehicle if they believe it contains valuable property. It is common knowledge that briefcases may contain checkbooks, wallets, watches, or other small electronics.

After securing your valuables out of sight, lock your car doors and make sure windows are rolled up tightly.

If your automobile is equipped with an alarm, activate it! It can be effective.

Do not hide spare keys on the vehicle; the thieves can find them too.

If possible park in a well lit area.

Report all suspicious activity as soon as possible. This could save you and /or your neighbors from being a victimized. Call 911 and stay on the line if you see or hear something that seems unusual. Try to get a description of the suspect(s) and their vehicle, however do not confront them.

You can increase the chances of your property being recovered and returned to you if you record model and serial numbers. You can also mark a code on the items that you and your family will know. Do not use your Social Security number.

Tail Twister

Thank you again for all who help with the blankets. Homeless Outreach put the Blankets to good use.

For the next two months we are asking everyone to bring can good, non-perishable food to the meeting to take to the food bank.

As always be sure to wear your Lions gear and show your lions spirit. A shirt, name tag, lanyard, vest will do. You will pay a fine if you do not comply.

Southside Lion Roar Show

Once again the South Side Lions will be putting on a production. It will be Saturday March 6th. The prices for tickets are \$30.00 and they include dinner, drinks, soda, and snacks.

There will be a raffle drawing after the show. It is truly a fun night and a lot of laughs. So come join us call Mary Bohn @ 636-391-8762. Hope to see you all there.

Bowling Report

- Webster II
- Meramec North
- Webster I
- Hampton
- Webster III
- Southside Blue
- Southside Red

Standings going into Monday February 2nd.

July 4th Community Days Carnival
Department Chairs –

Head Chair - Randy Johnson

Barbeque Co Heads- Scott Young
Leo Christ

Food Tent – Teddi Speeler

Soda Booth – Jim Greenlaw

Midway – Vicki Swederska

Tickets – Rob Halama

Parade – Becky Speeler

Security – Pat Rabbitt

PR – Kim Pepple

Parking – Randy Belcher

We can all use your help in all of these areas. Please sign up to help. Thank you from your Carnival Heads

Monthly BBO's

Well March is approaching fast and that means it will be BBQ season. Lion Ryan is looking for someone to take over the duties of Monthly BBQ Chair. With him becoming President soon his time will be cut down. The person would have to organize workers, hauling of trailer and the pits, etc.... If you think you would like to give this a shot call Lion Ryan.

Remember our Lions Motto
"We Serve"



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