

# THE SQUEAL

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

04-09-12

Fellow Lions

Spring is officially here: what happened to Winter. We are also at the beginning of a new Lions year. Installation of officers has been completed, and we are now under new management. I am looking forward to working with everyone in the upcoming year. I feel blessed to hold this position, with such an incredible group of Lions/friends. March, as always, has been very busy. Thanks to all that supported Southside Lions Roar Show – it was fun. The next weekend was our first BBQ of the season, but the last in our fiscal year. It was a great BBQ for March – thanks to everyone that helped – this is how we make our money! The month ended with another good District Convention and our Officer Installation. We competed in a BBQ contest at the Convention, and won, making us officially the best in our District – voted by 16 secret tasters. Congratulations to Lion Ryan Whittington for becoming our latest Melvin Jones recipient – well

deserved. Congratulations to our new secretary – Lion Becky Speeler for being awarded Lion of the Year. Dare Graduations are underway – it's a great experience to watch, and a very worthwhile donation. Officer Russ Nunnally will be attending our meeting in April to keep us informed on the DARE program. I am honored to present our scholarships to the deserving college bound students. They will be invited to the Barn in May for dinner and to receive their checks. April is Volunteer Month – let's all remember why we are Lions and the impact we have for those less fortunate. Lions Club International President Wing-Kun Tam says "Go Green" in April, and plant trees - We NEED to do our part. Everyone can expect to see a Squeal every month, as well as a monthly guest at our General Meetings. My "Goal" for this year, is to "have fun being a Lion" as we fulfill our motto: "We Serve".

President Lion Scott Young

Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.

**Helen Keller**

## FISH AT OUR LENT BAR B Q's

I would like to say that Lion Marshall Yost was after me for several years to fry fish at our Bar B Q's during lent. I kept saying for a few years maybe next year. Finally in 2011 at our march Bar B Q we did it on Friday and Saturday and we grossed about \$1,000.00 and \$ 600.00 profit, so we tried it again in March 2012, this year we sold out of the fish I bought for Friday by 1:00 PM so I asked Lions Dennis Donze and Tom Pflanz to run to Restaurant Depot and get me more Fish. We sold all of that out by 6:45 Friday evening that was a total of 80 lbs. A gross of \$1,080.00 and a net profit of \$600.00. I guess we should keep frying fish on Fridays during lent at our Bar B Q's. Thanks Lion Marshall for your persistence and a great suggestion

Lion Leo

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### Upcoming Events

April 12<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting at The Hearth Room (The Barn) @6:30pm

April 13-14<sup>th</sup> BBQ Sappington Farmers Market Watson Rd. See Lion Becky to sign up.

April 26 General Meeting at The Hearth Room (The Barn) @6:30pm it will be a Pot Luck Dinner with Fish catch by our own President Lion Scott.

May 19<sup>th</sup> Lions Night at the Races Fairmount Park.

June 8<sup>th</sup> BBQ with Blood



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### Matching Funds

Don't forget about matching funds if you have a favorite charity you can double what you give with our matching funds program. Ask a board member about it if you have Questions.

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Our 87<sup>th</sup> Installation of officers went very well there was a great turnout and everyone seemed to have a good time. We had several district cabinet members in attendance. Some friends from other clubs were there too. Lion Ryan Whittington is a Melvin Jones Recipient for this year and Lion Becky Speeler is our Lion of the Year. Way to Go Lions and Congratulations!

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Where do our "Request for Eye Assistance" come from?  
4/2/2012

There are many ways that people request eye care assistance from the Webster Groves LIONS. We receive requests from the district 26-M2's hot line. The hot line determines which club would or

could take the responsibility for the applicant. The request from the district is generally done through a written letter to our club with the recipient's information. The hot line does not screen the applicant they just pass the info along. That job is left up to the particular club's welfare chair and is done via the application for eye care assistance. Other request for assistance comes from the Webster / Rock Hill Ministries via a phone call backed by email. Then there is the request that our club gets from the Martha Hilden foundation (Webster Groves School Dist). Those requests also generally come as a phone call followed up by email.

One of the other ways that we receive request are from the WG LIONS members themselves. It is easy for LIONS to help someone if they know how to go about the task of getting the help. If you know of someone that may qualify for the assistance of your club, you can contact the welfare chair. If you are new to the club or may not be aware of whom the welfare chair is it does not matter. Just ask the president or any of the officers or board members for the information.

Our club has an application for eye care assistance built from the districts application. Starting this year a blank copy of the application will be given to every officer and board member at the next board meeting. Eliminating the need to find the welfare chair to get an application and start the process. Another way to get the application would be via email. The application can be emailed by the welfare chair to a fellow lion to be printed and then passed on to the person in need of eye care assistance. That LION will need to follow up with the applicant to send the application into the welfare chair. That's all there is for a WG LION to help someone in need of eye care assistance in our community. The welfare chair will take it from there.

Once the information has been filled out on the hard copy of the application, it will need to be

mailed or hand passed on to the welfare chair. Applications cannot be processed (please no verbal request) if the application is not filled out in full and turned in to the welfare chair. If needed, the chair will contact the applicant (not the lion) for any further needed information. Upon the approval of the applicant the Optometric Center will be contacted by the welfare chair. All the necessary forms will be filed by the welfare chair to authorize the applicant for the needed eye care assistance. The applicant will be contacted by the welfare chair to notify them of the authorization of payment by the Webster Groves LIONS club to the optometric center for their eye care assistance. In that conversation the applicant will be given the phone number to the optometric center requesting them to make their own appointment at their convenience.

If you are wondering, the Webster Groves LIONS Club helps an average of 5 people a month with eye care needs in our community.  
Lion Mike Swederska  
Welfare Chair

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### Bowling Report

The bowling year is coming to an end the teams are neck and neck for first place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. Webster I and Webster II there is a 1 point difference. Next Monday will tell all. The winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> half was Webster II. So come out Monday and show your support for the big roll off for 1st place.

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April is volunteer month so I would like to take a minute to say THANK YOU to all of you for being Volunteers. For without you we would not do what we do best "Serve others".

### Tail Twister

The tail twister says don't forget to wear your Lions gear a shirt, Pin, or hat will do.

The month of April we will be collecting can foods for Food Bank there is a great need for food and the shelves are empty. Show your Lions pride and help support the needy.

Thanks your Tail Twister,  
Lion Leo Christ

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### Night at the Races

Are you looking for a fun night out with some really awesome people then join us for a night at the races. May 19<sup>th</sup> we will have a bus pick us up in the front parking lot of Hixson Jr. High School and we will leave at 6:00pm. There will be beer, mixed drinks, soda on the bus there and back. Once we get to there we will enjoy a buffet dinner all you can eat. Your dinner, program and entry to the track are included with the cost of the bus ride. Your betting and mixed drinks at the track are not included. The cost of this fun evening will be \$35.00. See Lion Teddi for Reservations.

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Update on the Christmas Child program

Operation Christmas Child Team shoe box grand totals are "in" and we're so excited to share them with you. Locally, we exceeded the 2011 goal of 36,000 boxes with a total of 36,185! Every single box that you donated added up to a goal surpassing total! This year Operation Christmas Child season as you reflect back on all that you did to contribute to such a wonderful outcome. Knowing that 8,630,568

children are receiving shoe boxes of love and hope. So I say Thank you again this year for helping with this project.

Lion Teddi Speeler

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Volunteer Prayer

Valuable is the work you do

Outstanding in how you always come through

Loyal, sincere, and full of good cheer

Untiring in your efforts throughout the year

Notable are the contributions you make

Trustworthy in every project you take

Eager to reach your every goal

Effective in the way you fulfill your role

Ready with a smile like a shining star

Special and wonderful -- that's what you are!!

The key to our success rests in people like you, who embody the spirit of greatness by saying, "Yes I can, and so can you!"

Thanks for your inspiring dedication.

