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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

11-04-10

Presidents Message –

As I type this the cold wind has started to blow, the pumpkins have all been put out and winter is definitely around the corner. I am so proud of this club and the accomplishments we have had throughout this year. While our year has not officially finished, many of the items on our calendar are complete. The fall/winter season brings with it fewer activities for the club. Let's not forget though that we will be gathering every other week to get our job done and fulfill our motto which is WE SERVE. Please take a look at the upcoming calendar of events and make it a goal to attend at least one in the coming months. If you have not been able to attend a meeting is a while, and I know there are many of you out there, now would be a great time to start. As always, if you have suggestions for upcoming meetings or would like to see a new activity added to the calendar; feel free to contact myself or anyone on the board. Lastly, I will leave you with this quote from Elizabeth Andrew:

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

President
 Lion Ryan Whittington

**HAPPY
 THANKSGIVING**

Got News or Tips for

The Squeal

Send to Teddi Speeler

Peace Posters

Well the posters are done and judging is over. There were 80 students between two schools. Now it's time to give out awards and certificates. So December 9th will be Peace Posters Night at The Barn. Come out and meet the students and their parents, and of course the teachers. We will have a good meal and show some Webster Groves Lions pride.

The Hat

Mike Swederska

My fellow Lions during the last WG Lions BBQ I could not believe how bad the condition of my hat was in and that I was still wearing it. As a total surprise to me at our Governors meeting they presented me with a new hat. They caught me by surprise

and I had nothing to say at that moment but THANK YOU.

I went back to my table overwhelmed with emotions and started to write down my thoughts. So here they are from that moment and my heart what I truly wanted to say to all of you.

If my hat could talk it would tell great stories of friendship, fun, service, and honor. If that hat could talk, I would take my hat where other people could listen to its stories. Once they heard my hat revealing all the great times it had working as a Lions hat every person whom was listening would want to be a Lion.

I am most proud to serve with my fellow lions while wearing my old hat. For me my stinky, dirty hat reminds me of all the great times we had serving as lions. I wear my dirty old smelly hat with more pride than I could ever describe to anyone. That is for sure!! But I guess there is always an end to everything such as my hat. Mt hat is getting very old and tired so I will give him a rest in a place of high honor.

My old hat will hang in my office near my Lion's memorabilia when I finally retire it from BBQ service. If and when life gets too hard to bear in my job, I can gaze upon my hat "smell my hat from across the room" and reminisce the great times I had serving the lions, my community and most of all those incredible great times

with my dearest friends. They always make me laugh.

I will wear my new hat with pride at the next BBQ and hope that all my lion's friends will help me christen the hat in WG Lions BBQ smoke.

Just my thoughts that I could not get out at the time I am sorry I had to put them down on paper instead.

Thank you to all my fellow Lions. For me you have no idea how proud I have been serving with all of in my old hat.

More Interesting Facts About International Lions Clubs

Lions are everywhere. We're active men and women in more than 206 countries and geographic areas.

Lions give sight. By conducting vision screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicines and raising awareness of eye disease, Lions work toward their mission of providing vision for all. We have extended our commitment to sight conservation through countless local efforts and through our international SightFight Programs, which works to eradicate blindness.

Lions serve youth. Our community projects often support local children and schools through scholarships, recreation and mentoring. Internationally, we offer many programs, including the Peace Posters Contest, Youth

camps and Exchange and Lions Quest.

Lions have a dynamic history. Founded in 1917, we are best known for fighting blindness. But we also volunteer for many different kinds of community projects including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled.

Our Leo Program provides the youth of the world with the opportunity for personal development through volunteering. There are approximately 144,000 Leos and 5,700 Leo clubs in more than 140 countries worldwide.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

[December 2nd Board meeting @ The Senior Home Care offices 6:30pm](#)

[December 6th District Cabinet Meeting @ Holiday Inn Viking Watson Rd. 7:00pm](#)

[December 9th General meeting @ The Barn 6:30pm](#)
[Peace Poster night](#)

[December 17th Christmas Party 6:30pm](#)

Tail Twister

From the tail twister for the month of December we will collect hats and gloves to donate to Edgewood Childrens Center in Webster Groves.

January we will be collecting old coats and blankets to give to the needy and homeless

Any monies raised from fines for the months of December and January will go to the homeless shelter St. Patrick's Center Downtown.

Thank you your Tail Twister
Lion Becky Speeler

Bowling Report

Well Lions here are the standings in the Monday Night bowling league as of Monday 11/29/10.

Webster 3
Meramec North
Webster 2
Southside Blue
Webster 1
Southside Red

On December 20th all bowlers bring a snack to share and a wrapped \$5.00 gift for rob your neighbor gift exchange.

Webster Groves Lions Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be on December 17th at The Barn. Lions Leo, Teddi and Becky will be making a great meal.

Lion Becky has a couple of games planned. There are always drinks and good fellowship.

Bring a \$15.00 gift for a gift exchange. Please let Lion Leo or Lion Teddi know if you are coming so we can plan on a great night. Hope to see you there.

A special thank you to those who came out to serve lunch to the Webster Groves Football Team, coaches Cheerleaders, etc... Way to go Statesmen, in case you did not hear they beat Kirkwood to go to the state bowl game and they won the Turkey day game. The football luncheon went well and everyone had.

Don't forget lions matching funds are available if you have a favorite charity. It's a great way to double your donation. Simply talk to a board member about it if you have questions.

Also Lions tell your family and friends we need their old eye glasses. There are drop boxes in several places throughout Webster but you can also bring them to a meeting

The district needs those old glasses. If you need to know where the drop boxes are you can look on the website. You can find out a lot of information on our website you should check it out.

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Joke of the month

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to 'clean up' the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back.

John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even more rude. John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer.

For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed.

Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer?

The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said;

"I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions.

I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully

Intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude.

As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior,

The bird spoke-up, very softly, "May I ask what the turkey did?"

"Hickory Dickory dock, the mice ran up the clock, the clock struck One; and the others escaped with minor injuries"!

"What keys can't open locks? Monkeys, Donkeys, Turkeys"!

It is said, "that to laugh promotes good health and extends life!"

Until next month

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