



Washington Lions Club

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Message From Our President



Greetings fellow Lions:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that your 2011 has started off with everyone in good health and prospering.

2010 was a great year for our Club. We increased our annual giving to several organizations including the United Way, Loving Hearts and Book Buzz. In a year such as 2010 with organizations and individuals dealing with financial strains it was great to see our club step up and help these wonderful organizations.

With the new year upon us there are many fundraising activities that your club has going on where we can use your support. First up, the Super Bowl BBQ. It is one of our largest events and in order to continue to provide for our community the club needs your support in both volunteering at this event but also in selling tickets. I am sure more will be mentioned regarding the tickets but please do what you can to sell tickets.

Once the dust settles from Super Bowl weekend, we have the Poker 500 on the 18th of February. Again a wonderful fund raiser so please sell tickets, sign up to help and come out and play some cards.

Speaking of fundraisers, Lion Hove has tickets for the balloon ride raffle that the Bank of Washington so kindly donated. This is a pure profit fundraiser and would make a great gift for Easter, Mother's day or Father's day so please try to sell your tickets.

As always, regardless of whether you can sell tickets or volunteer at these events, we'd love to see you at lunch or the evening meetings. I've seen several old faces at lunch recently and would ask and welcome any member who has not attended a meeting recently to come join us. Yes, Lion Vince will still give you a hard time but it's fun and the food is always great.

In closing, remember our motto, we serve. And, one last thing. Go Steelers!

Yours in Lionism,

Bill Dickinson

Lions President

New Web Site — Check It Out

Several Lions have mentioned to Hemsath, that the Club's International website is not a easily remembered address. www.e-clubhouse.org/site/washingtonmo Suggested solution is to bookmark this address in Internet Explorer. Another suggestion is to Google: e-clubhouse, washington, mo. This site has a restricted section only available to Club members which many find useful. If you have misplaced your unique username and password, please contact Hemsath



Bears Are
Better Than
Steelers

Still Time
Super Bowl BBQ Tickets
Sell or Buy



Leader Dog Program at Zone Meeting

Lion Ron Nesbit, District Leader Dog Chair and Lion Sarah Calhoun, President of Brentwood Lions Club and also on the District Leader Dog Committee presented a program on Leader Dog at the Zone meeting hosted by Washington Lions Club, Wednesday, January 12. Lion Sarah brought Chico, her guide dog, and spoke of the difficulty she had adapting to blindness until she was introduced to the Leader Dog program and Chico. She told of the training and how much more comfortable she felt almost immediately after being given Chico. Lion Nesbit said the cost to train a leader dog has risen to \$45,000 and is free to the recipient. Clubs are asked to pay travel expenses to and from Leader Dog in Rochester Hills, Michigan but no other costs are incurred by Lions Clubs or the blind recipient.



Think About What Effect Our Actions Have

Lion Bossler, Region 4 Chair spoke on Lionism and asked how many of us think about how what we do today affects the future. We have no idea how an exam and glasses we provide to a needy child will change their life. Will that child become a doctor, saving lives, a scientist, discovering a new process, a researcher, finding a cure for some deadly disease.

Maybe a parent offering love and care to their children who may be the ones to perform what we think of as special.

Whatever the outcome is, remember that our actions today have implications for the future and the good we do for others today will undoubtedly reap benefits many fold in the future.



Washington Lions Poker Night February 18

Tickets Available

Coming Events

January 25

Evening Meeting, Elks Hall

February 1

Noon Meeting, Elks Hall

Program Wessels

February 5

Pre-cook Super Bowl B-B-Q

February 6

Super Bowl Bar-B-Q

Fair Grounds

Admin Building

February 7

Noon Board Meeting

Chamber lower level

February 8

Noon Business Meeting

Elks Hall

February 15

Noon Meeting, Elks Hall

Program Wessels

February 18

Poker Night

KC Hall 7:00 pm

February 22

Evening Meeting

Elks Hall

Governor's Visit

March 1

Noon Meeting, Elks Hall

Program Litvan

March 7

Noon Board Meeting

Chamber lower level

March 8

Noon Business Meeting,

Elks Hall

March 11, 12, 13

Home Show, City Auditorium

Hot Dogs, Nachos, Soda

Child Identity Kits

March 15

Noon Meeting, Elks Hall

Program Litvan

March 22

Noon Meeting, Elks Hall

Program Litvan

March 25-27

District 26-M2 Convention

Viking Holiday Inn

Sunset Hills

Hospitality Room Friday

Luncheon and Dinner Saturday

March 29

Evening Meeting, Elks Hall

April 2

First Lions Trivia Night

Washington Senior Center

7:00 Start Doors Open 6:00

April 4

Noon Board Meeting

Chamber lower level

April 5

Noon Business Meeting

Elks Hall

April 12

Noon Meeting

Elks Hall

Program B. Huber

April 15-16

Main Street BBQ

Blues Fest

Sell Pork Burgers



Sidney Troyer Newest Washington Lion

Sid Troyer was inducted into the Washington Lions at the Tuesday, January 4 meeting. He was sponsored by **Lion President Dickinson**. Brian Elbert, sponsored by **Lion Jarod Newman** will be inducted at the evening meeting, January 25 and Michael Guzy, sponsored by **Lion Nell Redhage** will be inducted Tuesday, February 1. Please welcome these new members to our Club and involve them in our activities.

Lion Jerry Brunner crafted a candle holder to be used in our induction ceremony helping make it more formal and impressive. Attend the next induction to see what a fabulous job he did for our Club. Thank you **Lion Jerry Brunner**.

Trivia Night Scheduled for Washington Senior Center

Lion Karen Skornia has the Washington Senior Center reserved for our first trivia night April 2. You don't have to be a brain or even very intelligent to compete according to **Lion Karen**. That is good because it might make it difficult for many of us Lions. No theme has been determined at this time but several have been bandied about including, sports, movies, music, famous people, history and others.

Tickets will probably be \$10 with tables/teams of eight the norm. Start lining up the smart people you know now so you can have a shot at being the winner of our first trivia night.

District Convention March 25-27, Holiday Inn Viking

Yes, I know it is almost two months away, but it is time to make our room reservations in order to get the discounted rate of \$75 (1-800-682-6338) and it is time to let **Lion Hemsath** know about attending the Melvin Jones luncheon on Saturday and the banquet Saturday night.

First of all is the Friday night hospitality room. Washington has become know for having a great hospitality room from the decorations to the food and beverages we are rated one of the best. This year we will have a theme "Wild Bill" in honor of our "Wild" Bill President. Saloon doors may be the entry to our area and we are promised dance hall girls, maybe a sheriff, Anny Oakley has been mentioned and Wild Bill Hickok Dickinson is sure to put in appearance.

Saturday morning several Washington Lions will make presentations, remember this starts at 8:00 am after a very long or short night depending on your perspective and Washington lions are know to have VERY short nights at the convention. **PDG McAdams** will need to make a convention report, Region 4 **Chair Bossler** will have to introduce his zone chairs at the very least, Zone 1 **Chair Missy Carr** will give her report on our zone and will also give the Athletic report. If that isn't enough **Lion President Dickinson** will speak on our club activities for the past year. **Lion Hemsath** will also be required to give an audit report I believe.

Saturday's luncheon recognizes those in attendance who have been honored with a Melvin Jones. Normally there is a short presentation by an invited guest and a fairly decent meal. The business meeting continues after lunch with voting for those open positions in the District.

Saturday night is the banquet with a local school choral group that is excellent. Dinner is passable and made more so by the Washington tables since we have learned how to enjoy adult beverages. Last year **Lion Bossler** was emcee and did a bang up job. The International Director's are very good speakers and the evening will go quickly.

Plan to attend both the luncheon and banquet and show support for those in our club who are active in the District. **Lion Missy** will be Cabinet Treasurer next year and eventually governor.



Hot Air Balloon Ride Raffle Underway

Thanks to the Bank of Washington and **Lion Dick Mayer**, the Washington Lions have a one time fund raiser with all monies going to our sight activities. That's right, no expense, thanks to the Bank of Washington's donation of the balloon ride. \$20 buys a ticket that could win a hot air balloon ride for up to five people. **Lion Hove** has tickets and will be happy to supply you with as many as you can sell up to 250 maximum.



