



# Washington Lions Club

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## Message From Our President



Greetings fellow Lions:

Well another Super Bowl has come and gone and YES, the wrong team won. Lion Vince profited well from my loyalty to the Black and Gold and Lion Hove made sure to remind me for several days after who the victor was. Thanks guys, I feel the love.

Super Bowl BBQ was a great success. What fun it was shoveling snow Saturday morning at 6 am. Where else can you have the great of time and serve the community. Thank you Lion Dave for a job well done. This is a great fundraiser and Lion Dave is looking for someone else to step in and chair the event. It truly is a well oiled machine so if you're looking to get more involved here's a great opportunity.

We have several great events coming up including poker 500 this weekend. I'm sure everyone has cabin fever thanks to the wonderful weather we've had. Going to be nice and warm all week so come out and help or play. We'd love to see you there.

We have several new fund raisers and projects coming up and it's a great time to serve your club and your community. Check your calendars and watch your emails and please come out and help. I'd also encourage members who have not been to lunch or an evening meeting recently to come join us. We're having a lot of fun and as always you can't beat the camaraderie or the food.

The Board will be discussing our induction ceremony and in particular, incorporating the candle light ceremony in to our inductions. I myself would like to see a bit more formality in our inductions. This is a wonderful club where membership is a privilege, we should conduct inductions accordingly. If anyone has comments regarding our inductions please let me or a board member know.

District Convention is coming up soon and Lion Vickey and her committee are already making plans for a great hospital-ity room. Apparently the theme is "Wild Bill's Saloon". I still have not confirmation that we'll actually have saloon girls so we're accepting volunteers, and no Lion Rick, you can't wear a dress!

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion Bill Dickinson*

Lions President

## Have You Really Looked at Your Lions Emblem?

It is composed of two lions heads, one looking to the rear, signifying the accomplishments of Lionism in the past. The other looking to the future, towards the challenges and things that we accomplish in the years to come. In the center is the letter "L", standing for Lionism, encompassed by a circle symbolizing the world-wide implications and the unity achieved by all its parts. The colors symbolize loyalty, royalty, power and friendship. Our founder, Melvin Jones said "the emblem represents a lion facing the past and the future, looking in all directions to do a service. The colors, purple and gold, were selected because the Lions coat is a tawny gold and the purple represents the Lions royal heritage, the king of the jungle. To Lions, the purple stands for loyalty to country, loyalty to one's self and one's own integrity of mind and heart. The gold signifies purity in life, sincerity in purpose, liberality in judgments and generosity in mind, heart and purse toward one's fellow-man.



Think about this as you wear your Lions pin. Wear it proudly.

## Super Bowl BBQ Sets Record



Despite **Lion Hemsath's** concerns about money turned in before the event, the 18th Super Bowl BBQ was a huge success. Almost 1900 meals were served, more than ever before, and no one knows at this time how many pre-sales we had because Lions are still turning in money. Approximately 250 walk-in tickets were sold. 462 chickens were ordered and 1050 pork steaks so shrinkage was at a minimum indicating a great job by the grillers and the warmers. Thirty pork steaks were sold at Tuesday's meeting and 12 chicken halves in addition to those chickens we ate for lunch. That in itself probably set another record to come that close. Congratulations and thanks to **Dave Politte, Vince Borgerding** and all the Lions who worked, for a great job once again.



## Brian Elbert and Michael Guzy Newest Washington Lions

Brian Elbert, sponsored by **Jarod Newman** was inducted at the evening meeting January 31. Michael Guzy, sponsored by **Nell Redhage** was inducted at the February 1 meeting.

**Lion Jerry Brunner** made a candle holder that may be used in future inductions and **PDG McAdams** used it when he inducted Elbert.

The club decided to ask for some additional information from new Lions that will help us to know them better and asked that it be included in the newsletter. Michael Guzy will be the first.

Michael Guzy and his wife Rebecca moved here to Rebecca's home town from Wisconsin. They have one son, Nathan, an active five year old. When Mike is not busy working at East Central College he enjoys talking to others on his ham radio, wood working and metal working. He is an avid bird watcher and likes falconry as well as target shooting. No mention of how those go together. Yes, he is related to all of the Geiserts, the saving grace is his relationship to the Redhages. Mike believes being a Lion is a great way to serve the community and meet other people.



## Coming Events

### 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

### April 19

Noon Meeting  
Elks Hall  
Program B. Huber

### April 26

Evening Meeting  
Elks Hall

### April 29-May 1

State Convention  
Embassy Suites, St. Charles  
Fri., reception, Sat., hospitality

### May 2

Cook for Historical Society  
Noon Board Meeting  
Wolf Hollow Golf Course

### May 3

Noon Business Meeting  
Elks Hall

### May 10

Noon Meeting  
Elks Hall  
Program M. Carr

### May 17

Noon Meeting  
Elks Hall  
Program M. Carr

### May 20

Glaucoma Screening  
ECC College

## 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 are \$20 per person includes beer and set ups with tables/teams of eight . 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

Last chance to make 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.

**Lion Engel** is planning a great room again this year. She already has most of the decorations and banners. Our room will be immediately to the left of the one we had last year. Theme is western "Wild Bill" in honor of (you guessed it) our semi-illustrious president. **Lion Vickey** promises dance hall girls, maybe a honky tonk piano and above all else plenty of adult beverages and loads and loads of fun.

Saturday's morning meeting is a chance to hear how other clubs make and spend their money. It is amazing how much money some of the smaller clubs are able to raise. Several Washington Lions will make reports, **PDG Marvin McAdams**, Region Chair **Dave Bossler**, Zone Chair and Athletic Chair **Missy Carr**, Auditor **Dennis Hemsath**, Newsletter Editor **Leon Hove** and President **Bill Dickinson**.

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 one of which is being sought by **Lion Hove**.

Saturday night is the banquet with entertainment by a local school choral group that is excellent. Dinner is good and made even better at 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.

## Lions to Distribute Child Identity Kits at Home Show

Lion Brunner will be chairing the food concession along with co-chair Matt Feltmann for the Lions at the home show. Friday there will be tuna salad on a croissant along with he usual pork steaks, Droege's beef, hot dogs and nachos. Soda is available as well.

Washington Police Explorers and the Lions will distribute the Child Identity kits we purchased at the Home Show. Explorers will take fingerprints of the children and give kits to parents with instructions on how to collect DNA samples and fill out dental records. Lion Hove is chairing this project and will have sign up sheets at the evening meeting. The Explorers will be doing the majority of the work.

Kits will also be distributed at the YMCA Family Fun Fair April 16. We will also be doing amblyopia screening that morning with the assistance of Angela Bell from MLERF. Sign up sheets for that event will be distributed later.



## 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.



