



Washington Lions Club

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Message From Our President



Greetings fellow Lions:

Well I am sure everyone has heard by now that Droege's will be closing in the next few weeks. Droege's has been a wonderful partner to the Lions Club and has always accommodated our needs when it came to our fundraising events. They will be greatly missed but as the saying goes, the show must go on.

The board is already working on options for our noon meals, our evening cook-outs and our upcoming fundraising events. We are certainly open to any and all ideas regarding where we can order food as well as potentials for catering our meals. In particular we're looking at various options for ordering buns, bbq sauce etc for pork burgers and we'll also need to look at options for cooking steaks for the evening meals.

We'll also need to look at various options regarding paper goods, charcoal and other non food items. Grilling and storing of products will be another area we will need to address in the near future. There is some indication we would still be able to utilize facilities at Droege's should they continue with the catering business but nothing has been decided and with the level of uncertainty we will need to come up with a game plan in the event that they close the entire operation.

Spring is here and it looks like we're all done with the snow and ice and other pleasantries of winter. If you haven't been to a lunch or evening meeting please try to attend. There are many members we don't see very often and we'd sure like to have you at the meetings. The food and camaraderie are wonderful and it's a great way to re-connect with your club.

If you can't attend the meetings there are several fund raising events coming up this spring including a newly added fundraiser, a trivia night. Check the calendar and hopefully we'll see you at one of these events.

Speaking of fundraisers, thanks go out Lion Brunner and his help for a great Home Show. Once again, the Lions club is there.

Hope to see many of you Friday night at District Convention. Not sure how this whole Wild Bill's theme will go but I am sure Lion Vickey has everything under control!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Bill Dickinson

Lions President

**Still Time to Make the Convention
Hospitality Rooms Open at 5:00, Close around Midnight
Holiday Inn Viking, Sunset Hills
Saturday Meetings Start at 8:00, Lunch Noon**

Home Show Proceeds \$1,000 Plus

Despite small crowds Saturday due to Borgia playing in state finals **J. Brunner** and **M. Feltmann** chaired a successful Home Show food concession. Friday night's proceeds were \$1.75 short of a record. Thanks to **Jerry** and **Matt** and all their workers for a job well done.



Not Many Children at Home Show



The few parents with children were very appreciative of the identity kits offered by the Lions and Police Explorers at the Home Show. There weren't many children who wanted to give up the first nice weekend outside to attend the Home Show.

The Police Explorers did all the work, fingerprinting the children and explaining about DNA.

Lions and Explorers will distribute the kits again at the YMCA Family Fun Day April 16.

We think the Explorers will also be distributing the kits at Wal-Mart April 2, 3.

Special Olympics Will Be held Again This Year April 2

After missing last year the Special Olympics is back at Washington high School track Saturday, April 2. Once again the Lions will be providing lunch for the participants and their families. If you haven't worked this event you don't know what you've missed. This is probably the most rewarding morning of the year. Contact **Lion Hove** if you would like to participate.

State Convention in St. Charles April 29–May 1

It is only a short drive up Highway 94 to St. Charles and the Embassy Suites to attend the state Lions convention. The format is different this year with a "formal" reception Friday evening with heavy hors d'oeuvres and carving stations along with beverages. Saturday meetings will offer interesting topics — not just boring reports and the evening offers hospitality rooms sponsored by the districts around the state.

Coming Events

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

May 20-22

Art Fair Wine Fest
Downtown Washington
Pork Burgers, Soda

May 24

Noon Meeting
Elks Hall
Program M. Carr

May 31

Evening Meeting
Rennick Riverfront Park

June 6

Evening Board Meeting
Osage Foods Patio

June 7

Noon Business Meeting
Elks Hall

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. There is no theme but questions on several topics will be asked including, sports, movies, music, famous people, history. That means you have to study everything to be prepared.

Tickets are \$20 per person includes beer and set ups with tables/teams of eight. Line up the smart people you know so you can have a shot at being the winner of our first trivia night.

Several baskets will be auctioned off during the evening to help raise additional funds.

Drawing for the balloon ride donated by the bank of Washington will be at the Trivia night so be sure and get your chances to float above Washington.

13th Poker Night Had Four Lion Winners — Most Ever

D. Schlump and **J. Unnerstall** chaired another great poker night with gross proceeds of \$4,578 Profit should be over \$2,000. Four Lions were still playing at midnight and were among the happy winners. They were: **Chester Livell, Frank Saviano, Bill Branson** and **Terry Unnerstall**.

Sid Troyer Visits Lions International in Oak Brook

Relatively new **Lion Sid Troyer** visited Lions International in Oak Brook, IL recently with his aunt. **Lion Sid** said the tour was very interesting and they were treated very well by the staff of Lions International. His aunt, also a Lion, recently became a Melvin Jones Fellow and she wanted to see her name on the revolving board. Unfortunately they only update the board annually so another trip may be in order. If you are ever in the area a trip by the Lion headquarters is recommended.

Droeges Closing Will Impact Lions in Many Ways

How many times has a Lion ran down to Droeges to get some more barbecue sauce, a bag of onions, some salt or pepper? More times than most of us can count but that won't be an option for any of our fund raisers in the future. At this time the catering business will remain open and we think we will be okay for the Super Bowl BBQ.

Nothing definite has been determined at this time but after short board meeting Tuesday, we think we have a short term solution and are working on a long term solution and additional options. One thing is certain, a source we have relied on for many years is no longer available and we will miss the convenience and support of Droeges and their staff.

New Member Susan Patterson to Be Inducted

Susan Patterson, wife of **Lion Carl Patterson** and her sponsor will be inducted at the evening meeting Tuesday. Come out and welcome Sue into the Washington Lions. She has worked many of our fund raisers along side her husband and will be an asset to us and the community as a Lion.

Do you have a friend, neighbor or relative who would make a good Lion? Bring them to a meeting and let them see how much fun it is to be a Lion and how rewarding it can be helping others in the community. We join together to do what we can not accomplish by ourselves.



Hot Air Balloon Ride Raffle Almost Over

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.



Evening Meeting

Tuesday, March 29

6:00 PM

Elks Bar

7:00 PM

Dinner

Elks Hall

Officers for 2010-2011 Projects/Committees President William Dickinson 1st Vice President Donald Schlump 2nd Vice President Todd Geisert 3rd Vice President Nell Redhage Secretary Dennis Hemsath Treasurer Rick Hopp Tail Twister Vince Borgerding Lion Tamer Don Hahne Immed. Past President David Politte Membership Vickey Engel	Fair Frozen Drinks Brad Mitchell Missy Carr Mark Harriman Jerry Maune Mark Bayless Candy Day October, 2011 Jennifer Schickler J. Griesheimer Spring Art Fair & Wine Fest May 20-22, 2011 Bill Dickinson Scholarship Dinner June 28, 2011 Vince Borgerding Vickey Engel Leon Hove Calling Committee Mark Bayless A-Bri Jamie King Bru-Do Bill Dickinson Du-Fre Karen Skornia G-Hei Bob Weber Hem-Ja Shawn Thiemann Joe-Mart Todd Geisert Mat-Ob Ken Hopen Ot-Rig Nell Redhage Ris-Toc Don Schlump Tr-Z	Evening Cook Crew Gerry Bayless Jerry Maune Dr. Mike Radetic Bill Branson Vince Borgerding Jerry Brunner Chili Cook Off September 23, 2011 Bill Dickinson Vickey Engel Fall Festival of the Arts September 24, 25, 2011 Ed Obermark Dave Politte Christmas Party Tuesday, December 20, 2011 Dr. Mike Radetic Vince Borgerding Super Bowl Bar-B-Q February 5, 2012 David Politte Vince Borgerding Adopt A Highway William Huber Mike Huber Rob Vossbrink Mint Sales John Litvan Web Page Dennis Hemsath Special Olympics April 16, 2011 Leon Hove Home Show March 9, 10, 11, 2012 Jerry Brunner Matthew Feltmann	Poker 500 February 24, 2012 Jason Unnerstall Don Schlump Scholarship Bill Boyd John Politte Donald Schlump Publicity Leon Hove Eye Glasses/Hearing Dennis Hemsath Ed Obermark Conventions Leon Hove Vickey Engel Dennis Hemsath Vince Borgerding Membership Vickey Engel Special Projects Vickey Engel Leon Hove Vince Borgerding Rick Hopp Fair Parade July 31, 2011 Kevin Hunewill Ken Hopen Bulletin Editor Leon Hove Historical Society Cooking May 2, 2011
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