



# Washington Lions Club

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## Message From Our President



Greetings fellow Lions:

Well as April comes to a close Lion Hove has informed me I only have to write two more letters. That means you only have to read my words of wisdom two more times.

What a great start we had to the month, several members participated in cooking for the Special Olympics. This was the first year I was able to participate in this event and as many members have stated previously, this is absolutely one of the most satisfying services our club provides. I would encourage any of you who have never worked this event before to try to attend next year.

Thank you to Lion Karen Skornia for chairing a very successful Trivia night. This was the first year for this event and we turned a very nice profit in spite of competing with major events at the Elks Lodge and with the Fire Department. It was nice to see a prosperous event where we did not have to stand over grills all day! And due to the success of the event we will be holding this on an annual basis and look forward to continued growth with this event.

Thanks to Lion Todd and Lion Nell for braving cold weather and rain to take care of cooking for the BBQ and Blues Festival. As always, the Lions Club is present and while receipts were down this year it's still nice that people see our club out working for the community.

As many of you are aware, we are still looking to fill the 3rd VP spot and two board positions for the 2011-2012 year. Being on the board is not overly time consuming and is a great way to get involved with the club and its' operations. I would encourage any of you who have not been on the board to consider this position. We are looking for new ideas and a fresh perspective on the club and our activities so if you are considering being on the board please contact one of the officers or past officers with any questions.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter.

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion Bill Dickinson*

Lions President

## Weather Less Than Ideal for Main Street BBQ

Cold, damp, dreary, dismal are all adjectives that could describe both days of this year's Main Street BBQ. Only 300 pork burgers were sold all weekend with gross sales of \$884. The crowds just weren't there on a miserable weekend that had a lot of other events as well. Thanks to **T. Geisert** and **N. Redhage** for chairing the event again and we know better weather would have made sales climb dramatically. All was not bad though since **Lion M. Bayless'** group placed third in the anything but category and won the "Peoples Choice" Category. Congratulations **Lion Mark**.



## We Need You to Step Up to the Plate

**Lion Don Schlump** will take over as President July 1 and **Todd Geisert** will become 1st Vice President while **Nell Redhage** will be 2nd Vice President. We need a 3rd Vice President to fill our slate of officers for 2011-2012. We also need two directors to replace those who have served in that capacity for the past three years. Think about stepping into one of these spots to help lead our club in our efforts to help the community. You will have plenty of help, some may be more than you want, but I guarantee it will be an experience you will remember fondly for the rest of your life. Ask any past president what they think or talk to a current officer — take the step to help the Washington Lions help others.

# Special Olympics Participants Appreciate Lion's Burgers

After skipping last year the Special Olympics was back at Washington High Saturday, April 2. The sun was out and the temperature was almost perfect as Washington Lions served hamburgers and hot dogs to participants and their families.



Everyone who has ever worked this event comes away with a good feeling after being thanked numerous times for serving a hamburger, hot dog and soda to some very special people.

## 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.

A proposition is on the ballot to eliminate the state athletic committee and thereby the Lions East-West football game. This is one of the ways we reach the youth of the state and should not be eliminated. Washington has more delegates than almost any other club and could make a real difference in the outcome of the vote. Please consider attending Saturday April 30 to vote against the proposal. Contact **Lions PDG McAdams, Hove** or **Hemsath** for more information.

## Art Fair and Wine Fest Friday, May 20 to Sunday, May 22

Spring has sprung and it is time to start cooking pork burgers and selling soda at the annual Art Fair and Wine Fest in downtown Washington. We can normally count on good weather and big crowds that are back craving the Lions world famous whole hog pork burgers. Sign up sheets are going around at the meetings but you can still sign up by calling Lion Dickinson or Hemsath. Work a couple of hours grilling pork burgers and then go taste some wine or purchase a piece of art to show off at your home or give to someone special.

### Coming Events

#### 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 25

College of Knowledge  
ECC  
All Lions Could Benefit

#### May 31

Evening Meeting  
Rennick Riverfront Park

#### June 6

Evening Board Meeting  
John G's

#### June 7

Noon Business Meeting  
Elks Hall

#### June 14

Noon Meeting  
Elks Hall  
Program G. Bayless

#### June 21

Noon Meeting  
Elks Hall  
Program G. Bayless

#### June 28

Evening Meeting  
Scholarship Dinner  
Installation of Officers  
Elks Hall

#### July 5

Noon Meeting  
Elks Hall  
Program

#### July 11

Noon Board Meeting  
Chamber Conference Room

#### July 12

Noon Business Meeting  
Elks Hall

#### July 19

Noon Meeting  
Elks Hall  
Program

## Fenton Lion Jim Bernhardt Wins Balloon Raffle

**Vince Borgerding** sold Fenton Lion PDG Jim Bernhardt the winning balloon raffle ticket at the District 26-M2 Convention March 22. The winning ticket was drawn at the First Annual Washington Lions Trivia Night April 2. Congratulations PDG Jim there are several Lions who would like to be one of your four guests on the ride.

## First Trivia Night a Huge Success



Eight tables were filled with some bright and some not so bright people at the Washington Lions first trivia night. **Lion Karen Skornia** and her committee of mostly non-Lions did a great job putting together a fun evening. **Lion Vince** read the questions and kept everyone on focus. Lion Radetic's table had the highest score and Lion Brunner's

table came in number eight. However, Lion Brunner's table had the best snacks by far. The event grossed over \$2,000 with minimal expenses and **Lion Skornia** has already volunteered to chair the second trivia night next year.



## Standing in Line for Vision Screening and ID Kits

Saturday morning while the BBQ was cooking downtown, the YMCA held their annual children's health fair. Lions screened sixty-five children for amblyopia and other vision problems while distributing over 100 child ID kits with the Washington Police Explorers. Parents stood in line at both booths most of the morning waiting to get their child's fingerprints for an ID kit or screened for amblyopia. Angela Bell from MLERF performed the actual screening with their digital camera. She also is continuing to screen area children at the area pre-schools.

## Glaucoma Screening Friday, May 20 at East Central College

Last year Washington Lions screened over 200 area residents for glaucoma at the East Central Senior Health Fair and conducted hearing tests on another 46 people. One person was screened who had glaucoma and had no idea they were having a problem. That person's sight may have been saved by Lions that day. Several others were referred to their optometrist for further tests.

Lion Jerry Brunner has begun promoting the screening with flyers to other area clubs and churches like he did last year. Washington Lions will once again be a sponsor of the health fair receiving prominent placement in all publicity for the event. Anyone interested in assisting with the screenings can contact Lion Brunner. Hours are 9:00 to 1:00 Friday, May 20.



## Reserve the Date Now for Scholarship Dinner/Installation

Tuesday, June 28 will be the scholarship dinner and installation of officers for 2011-2012 at the Elks Hall. Reserve that evening now and come out and show your support for the incoming officers and congratulate our two scholarship winners. We will have an excellent meal with steaks prepared by our cook crew, all the trimmings from Droege's Catering and of course our open bar compliments of the tail twister.

**Attend College of Knowledge May 25, ECC**

# Evening Meeting

## Tuesday, April 26

6:00 PM

Elks Bar

7:00 PM

Rib Eye Steak Dinner

# Elks Hall

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