



# Washington Lions Club

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## Message From Our President



Greetings fellow Lions:

My how time flies. Seems not too long ago I was being asked if I was anxious to become President, now I'm being asked if I'm ready for it to be over. Well I'm having fun so not sure I'm really ready for it be over.

As club President and Chairman for the Art Fair/Wine Fest I would like to thank all the folks who came out and helped this weekend. Thanks again to Lion Ken for stepping up and taking over as Saturday day chair. I promised smooth sailing and sounds like all went well. Sales were down a bit this year, rain on Friday, threats of storms on Sunday and graduations and other events seemed to compete for the people. All in all though, we did well and I

know everyone had a wonderful time, particularly our new Lions Town Crier, Lion Marv.

If you have yet to purchase your tickets for Scholarship dinner please remember to do so. If you cannot attend the dinner I would encourage you to purchase tickets as a donation to our Scholarship Fund. This is a very worthy cause as our club continues to support some wonderful young people as they continue their education. Each scholarship is \$4000.00 and we hope to cover these with the dinner tickets.

I would also like to welcome any member to attend the next board meeting as it will be an evening meeting at John G's, on Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. We will discuss club business but also wanted to use this as an opportunity to have a "retreat" of sorts to discuss general topics for the future. Throughout the year there are always a lot of suggestions on topics ranging from membership, fundraising to charitable donations. This meeting would be a great time to come with ideas.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend and please take some time on Monday to pause, reflect and give thanks to those who serve and those who died keeping us free.

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion Bill Dickinson*

Lions President

## New Member Derek Alfermann to Be Inducted

If all goes according to plan, Derek Alfermann will become the 174th member of the Washington Lions Club Tuesday evening, May 31. Derek is sponsored by **Lion D. Politte** and has attended several meetings. Daniel Haire, sponsored by incoming President **Lion Don Schlump** and Doug Bell sponsored by **Lion D. John Geisert both** worked the Art Fair/Wine Fest and will be voted on at the June business meeting and hopefully inducted before July 1.

Remember not too long ago we were talking about reaching a membership goal of 200 and now we aren't even back up to 180. Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker or relative who might want to be a Lion? Bring them to a meeting and let them see how much fun we have helping others. That may be all the need to want to join.

**Scholarship Dinner Tuesday, June 28, Elks Hall  
Support Our Youth and Enjoy Great Beverages and Food**

# Fine Art Fair/Wine Fest Lucked Out With Weather

Friday was cool and damp and apparently many people thought we were going to have storms and heavy rain because they stayed away from downtown Washington.

Saturday was a gorgeous day with bright sun and plenty of customers walking through the streets and Washington Lions captured their fair share of food sales grossing over \$3,000 for the day.

Sunday was another great day, at least until the tornado watch was broadcast. People cleared out in a hurry once they heard the word and sales reflected the loss of traffic.



Maybe Borgia not having the car show contributed to smaller crowds

Sunday or maybe people didn't realize they were missing a great chance to have Lions "world famous pork burgers", but sales were not what they have been in the past. Still it was a good weekend and we raised a few dollars for our charitable projects and had a good time while we worked. Thanks to **Lion President Bill** and all who helped the Lions have another successful event. We know **Lion Marvin** had a good time Sunday and so do most of the people who were within a mile of downtown.



## Coming Events

### 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

### July 26

Evening Meeting  
Rennick Riverfront Park

### July 31

Fair Parade  
Pork Burgers on Route  
Pork Burgers, Soda  
Mixed Drinks  
Main and Elm Parking Lot

### August 1

Noon Board Meeting  
Chamber Conference Room

### August 2

Noon Business Meeting  
Elks Hall  
Fair Board Guests  
August 3-7  
Fair Frozen Drink Stand

### August 5-6

Fair Gates

### August 7

Beer Stand  
Soda Stand

### August 9

Noon Meeting  
Elks Hall  
Program

### August 16

Noon Meeting  
Elks Hall  
Program

### August 23

Noon Meeting  
Elks Hall  
Program

## Glaucoma Screening at ECC Successful

Thursday was a wet miserable day to drive to Richwoods and pick up the Lions Hearing van, but **Lions Brunner** and



**Hove** made the trip and **Brunner's** truck didn't get stuck in the monstrous pot holes. Thankfully Friday dawned sunny and warmer, with everyone cheering the good weather. The crowds were smaller than last year and only 52 were screened for glaucoma and other vision defects. Even with the small number, about one-quarter of last year, the screening must be deemed successful because one person was diagnosed with beginning glaucoma and he had no idea. Hopefully he will follow up with a optometrists and his sight will be saved. Another individual was found to have cataracts and they were aware of the problem.

Hearing was much the same as last year, several men were there because their wife said they needed to be checked for hearing loss. Most were found to have a real loss and not just selective hearing.

Thanks to **Lion Jerry Brunner** and his crew for an outstanding job. Drs. Crane, **Lion Obermark**, Sanford and Hill donated their morning to assist with the screening. We thank them for their time and expertise.

This is a great service to the area and Lions receive a tremendous amount of good publicity for our efforts.



Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "Knights for the Blind" and with this effort and our continuing amblyopia screening of pre-school children in the Washington and surrounding area we are fulfilling Lions commitment to meeting this challenge.

We heard Sarah Calhoun speak about becoming blind and how having a Leader Dog made her independent for the first time after she lost her sight. Think how awful it would be to not see your children, spouse, grand children or friends.

# Evening Meeting

## Tuesday, May 31

6:00 PM

Tail Twister Bar

(Tips Appreciated)

7:00 PM

Rib Eye Steak Dinner

# Rennick Riverfront Park

<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