



Washington Lions Club

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Message From Our President



Dear Fellow Lions,

As we get deeper into the fall season our Washington Lions Club fundraisers are nearing completion for 2011. We have successfully met the challenge of the Chili Cookoff, Fall Festival, and Lions Mouse Race. Thank you to the many Lions who worked very hard to make these events a success. The Mouse Race was a new endeavor this year and we did not really know what to expect. Turnout was light but all in attendance had a great time. Thanks to our sponsors and donors we were able to turn a nice profit on this new event. Lions Mouse Race 2012 is already on the books with several improvements in mind.

The last fundraiser on the 2011 agenda is Candy Days, to be held the weekend of Oct 21-22. Lion John Griesheimer can use a few more volunteers, so please call him if you are available to take a shift. Candy Days is a very easy event and returns a tidy sum to our treasury. The Washington community is always very generous in supporting our efforts.

Our fundraiser success in 2011 is a mixed bag. The traditional outdoor events – Art Fair & Winefest, Town & Country Fair, Fall Festival - were all off compared to a few years ago. The new Trivia Night and Mouse Race helped fill in the shortfall from the outdoor fundraisers. Overall we are in decent financial shape and have the resources to continue support for the many needs in our community.

Some of the community needs were addressed by our last two noon meeting presenters. Food and shelter are two of mankind's basic necessities. On Oct 11 Karen Dawson spoke on behalf of Habitat for Humanity. On Oct 18 Nancy Nagel filled us in on Harvest Table. Our speakers described how these organizations are helping to provide these basic necessities to the less fortunate among us.

The Washington Lions Club will continue to help as we have for the past 72 years. Our club has strong community ties and many members with several decades of Lions service. Looking at our October anniversaries I was struck by the number of Lions completing over 3 decades of service this month:

Lion Ken Buchmann – 48 years
Lion John Politte – 47 years
Lion Tamer Don Hahne – 44 years
Lion Boyd Eversole – 42 years
Lion Jim Perry – 40 years

Lion Vern Marquart – 39 years
Lion Dave Bossler – 37 years
Lion Terry Unnerstall – 37 years
Lion Ron Tobben – 33 years
Lion Roger Jaeger – 30 years

What a lineup! October has been a very good month for the Lions. Let's hope it continues to be a good month for our St. Louis Cardinals!

Evening meeting is set for Tues Oct 25 at the Elks Club. See you there.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Don Schlump
Lions President

Don't Forget — Evening Meeting at Elks Hall

Two New Members to Be Inducted Tuesday Evening

Matthew, Matt Klemm, sponsored by **Lion Joe Feltmann** and Gary Grosse, sponsored by **Lion Jerry Brunner** are scheduled to be inducted Tuesday evening. Gary was a member before but had to resign due to work assignments but is now back and wants to be involved again. Be sure and attend Tuesday evenings meeting and welcome these new members to our club. Who do you know that would make a good Lion? Bring them to a meeting and let them see how great we are.

Sometimes We Forget How Fortunate We Are

We hear how many people are having problems on the news most every evening and many of us know someone who has been laid off or had their hours reduced do to the economy, but, do we really think how lucky we are to be able to come to Lions and participate in fund raising activities so we can help others. Washington Lions Club was able to help these six members of our community with examinations and glasses this past month.

1. 29 year old, unemployed, wife has end state of renal failure, excessive medical bills.
2. 15 year old student referred by school, parents unwilling.
3. 27 year old extended unemployment. Helped two year earlier.
4. 50 year old referred by Harmony House, Unemployed, on Medicaid, has C.O.P.D. (Lung disease).
5. 24 year old referred by Harmony House, Unemployed, has ADHD (Bipolar disorder).
6. 33 year old referred by Harmony House, Unemployed, on Medicaid, (steel rod in back).

The mouse races, held earlier this month made about \$2,000. This will cover the costs for these people and maybe a few more. This is only one month of activity. Thanks to you Lions for your service.

Convention Time Coming March 23-25, 2012

The hospitality room has been reserved and some room reservations have been made for the District convention at the Holiday inn Viking, March 23-25. **Lion Engel** announced the theme this year will be the "Roaring 20's" so dig out your flapper skirts. flasks and gangster suits (please no sub-machine guns) and prepare for a good time. More information will be forthcoming as we get nearer to the dates.

Thanksgiving Meeting is Monarch Award Time

Tuesday, November 15 will be our annual Thanksgiving meeting and **Lion Hemsath** has already ordered the Monarch Awards to honor those Washington Lions reaching a milestone in service. Be sure and plan your calendar so you can attend this meeting and recognize these individuals who have practiced our motto "We Serve" for many years.

Coming Events

October 21-22

Candy Days
Lion Griesheimer

October 25

Evening Meeting
Elks Hall

November 1

Noon Meeting
Elks hall
Program Ameren UE Energy

November 7

Noon Board Meeting
Chamber Conference Room

November 8

Noon Business Meeting
Elks Hall
Program

November 15

Thanksgiving Meeting
Monarch Awards
Elks Hall

November 22

Noon Meeting Elks Hall
Program Dark Sky Observers

November 29

Evening Meeting Elks Hall

December 5

Noon Board Meeting
Chamber Conference Room

December 6

Noon Meeting Elks Hall
Program Radetic

December 13

Noon Business Meeting
Elks Hall

December 20

Christmas Party
Elks Hall
Radetic, Borgerding

MERRY CHRISTMAS

January 2

Noon Board Meeting
Chamber Conference Room

January 3

Noon Business Meeting
Elks Hall

January 10

Noon Meeting
Elks Hall
Program M. Bayless

January 17

Noon Meeting
Elks hall
Program M. Bayless

January 24

Noon Meeting
Elks Hall
Program M. Bayless

January 31

Evening Meeting
Elks Hall

February 4-5

Super Bowl B-B-Q
Fair Admin Building

February 6

Noon Business Meeting
Chamber Conference Room

February 7

Noon Business Meeting
Elks Hall

February 8

Noon Meeting Elks Hall
Program N. Redhage

First Mouse Race a Big Hit and Money Maker

Harry never left the gate in the first race and Squeaky got to the finish line and then turned around in the fourth or fifth race but everyone had a good time and the Lions made some money for our vision programs. Yes, the attendance could have been better and about sixty percent of the attendees were Lions and their spouses but I heard no one complaining about the food, beverages or the great silent auction items they got for a bargain.

Thanks go out to all who worked on the event setting up the mouse people, the auditorium, the race sponsors and the silent auction items. Special thanks to the race sponsors who because of their generosity basically assured us of a profitable night. Those who donated silent auction items made sure we were going to have money in our charity account to pay for glasses and vision tests for those in need.

Lion Vince was a terrible blackjack dealer only taking \$52 from the Lions who dared to challenge his bottom dealing, but it all went for a good cause.



Evening Meeting

Tuesday, October 25

6:00 PM
Elks Bar

7:00 PM
Rib Eye Steaks

Elks Hall

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