



# Washington Lions Club

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## Message From Our President



Dear Fellow Lions,

Merry Christmas to all! The annual Washington Lions Christmas party was very well-attended and all had a great time. Lion co-chairs Vince Borgerding and Mike Radetic did their usual fine job in arranging food, entertainment, and a host of party venues. This year's party progressed from the Elks Club lunch to the Radetic sports bar where Mike and Linda ramped up the good cheer. Next stop was Osage Foods, hosted by Lion Bill Dickinson. Weather was good and several Lions enjoyed the party on the deck. A few Lions were seen in the company of a scantily-clad blonde "companion", no names mentioned here. Final stop was the Hummingbird Club for more good cheer along with some great shrimp, raw hack, ham sausage, and other assorted goodies. This was truly a day of fun. Thanks to all the Lions who worked to make the party a success.

This is the time to reflect back on the year's activities and accomplishments. Lions Mike and Vince did a unique Christmas video, not the usual gag video but a tour of Washington featuring Lions contributions to this community. Lions Lake with new bank stabilization, riverfront pavilions and flag monument, lighted bridge, train station decorations, street signs and new trash cans, and so much more are here because of the Washington Lions Club. But that is just the physical part of the Lions contributions to Washington.

In 2011 our club donated a total of \$49,886.78 to 37 different charitable endeavors. Approximately \$33,000 of this total went to help people – eye projects, education and scholarships, Joplin relief, troops at war, food banks, and many more. Whenever we saw a need we responded with help and dollars.

That is the financial part of our charity. Washington Lions contributed literally thousands of man-hours in 2011 to community improvement and service. Our year starts with the Super Bowl BBQ and ends with Salvation Army bell ringing. In between are countless hours helping with sight projects, cooking pork burgers to raise funds, cleaning the highways, doing whatever it takes to get the job done. That is where the Lions stand out – willingness to give not just money but personal time. Our motto is "We Serve" and that is what we do.

Year 2011 will quickly go into the history books. What will we do in 2012 to build and improve on 2011? Our community has many needs and we have many opportunities to help. That is our challenge moving forward.

First noon meeting in 2012 is on Tues Jan 3 at the Elks club. There are Super Bowl BBQ tickets to sell. Come on out and bring a new prospective member.

Happy New Year!

*Lion Don Schlump*  
Lions President

**Make Reservations NOW for  
District Convention  
March 23-25, Viking Holiday Inn  
Theme of This Year's Room Is "Roaring 20's"**

**Our Wonderful  
Cooks  
Recognized at  
Christmas Party  
Thank You  
For All the  
Great Meals**



# The Many Faces of Lions and Guests



## Coming Events

### January 3

Noon Business Meeting  
Elks Hall

January 9

Noon Board Meeting  
Chamber conference Room

### 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 Board Meeting  
Chamber Conference Room

### February 7

Noon Business Meeting  
Elks Hall

### February 14

Noon Meeting Elks Hall  
Program N. Redhage

### February 21

Noon Meeting Elks Hall  
Program Redhage

### February 28

Evening Meeting Elks Hall  
**Governor's Visit**

### March 5

Noon Board Meeting  
Chamber Conference Room

### March 6

Noon Business Meeting  
Elks Hall

### March 9-11

**Home Show**  
**City Auditorium**  
**Sell Food and Soda**

### March 13

Noon Meeting, Elks hall  
Program, Litvan

### March 20

Noon Meeting, Elks Hall  
Program, Litvan

### March 23-25

**District 26-M2 Convention**  
**Holiday Inn Viking**

### March 27

Evening meeting, Elks Hall

### April 2

Noon Board Meeting  
Chamber conference room

### April 3

Noon Business Meeting  
Elks Hall

### April 10

Noon Meeting, Elks Hall  
Program, Jasper

### April 17

Noon Meeting, Elks Hall  
Program, Jasper

### April 24

Evening Meeting, Elks Hall



**Lost Two members in 2011**  
Robert Worms with six years of service.  
Gerald Michels with forty-seven years of service  
Keep their families in your prayers.

# Super Bowl Bar-B-Q Still Largest Fund Raiser

This is the nineteenth year for the Super Bowl BBQ and it is our largest single fund raiser, bringing in more than \$6,000 to our charity account almost every year. If we are going to continue that tradition we need for every Lion to sell tickets to their friends, neighbors, relatives and yes, even their enemies if they have any.

Lion Borgerding has found a co-chair, Lion Balleydier, to help with the pit duties after performing that task for 18 years. Lion Politte is still looking for a co-chair to help take over the inside, tickets and other tasks. If you even have a thought of volunteering give him or President Schlump a call. It is really not that bad anymore now that the previous chairs have got it down to a science.

Sign up sheets will make their appearance at noon meetings and please sign up for at least one shift. If we all work together we can get 1600 or so dinners cooked, packaged and out the door and still be cleaned up in time for all of us to go home and see the game. One thing is certain, the Rams will NOT be playing.

## Next Up, Poker Night, February 17

Every year a larger crowd shows up for our Poker Night at the KC Hall. We are one of the few groups that still offers straight poker to those who would rather play the traditional game as opposed to Texas Hold 'Em. The more players, the bigger the purses, so get a group together and plan to spend Friday evening, February 17 with the Lions at the KC Hall playing poker and maybe taking home some cash.

Lions Schlump and J. Unnerstall will have tickets out soon, but you can start lining up your friends before you get the tickets.

## Have You Paid Your Dues?

Lion Hemsath sent out dues statements just before the end of the year. Hope yours didn't get mixed up with the Christmas cards or the Christmas credit card bills. Now is the time to get those dues paid before the tax man comes calling and before Lion Hemsath gets caught up in his two or three month work cycle for the year. Even though International dues increased this year, Washington Lions dues remain the same with no increase.

<p><b>Officers for 2011-2012</b></p> <p><b>Projects/Committees</b></p> <p>President ..... Donald Schlump            1st Vice President ..... Todd Geisert            2nd Vice President ..... Nell Redhage            3rd Vice President ..... John Griesheimer            Secretary ..... Dennis Hemsath            Treasurer ..... Rick Hopp            Tail Twister ..... Vince Borgerding            Lion Tamer ..... Don Hahne            Immed. Past President ..... Bill Dickinson            Membership ..... Vickey Engel</p>	<p><b>Fair Frozen Drinks</b></p> <p>Brad Mitchell Missy Carr            Mark Harriman Jerry Maune            Mark Bayless</p> <p><b>Fair Beer Tent</b></p> <p>Mark Bayless</p> <p><b>Friday Fair Gates</b></p> <p>Kevin Hunewill Ken Hopen</p> <p><b>Saturday Fair Gates</b></p> <p>Bill Dickinson Don Schlump</p> <p><b>Fair Soda Stand</b></p> <p>Dennis Hemsath</p> <p><b>Calling Committee</b></p> <p>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</p> <p><b>Club History Preservation</b></p> <p>Gerry Bayless John Politte</p> <p><b>Evening Cook Crew</b></p> <p>Gerry Bayless Jerry Maune            Dr. Mike Radetic Bill Branson            Vince Borgerding Jerry Brunner</p> <p><b>Scholarship</b></p> <p>Bill Boyd John Politte            Donald Schlump</p> <p><b>Publicity</b></p> <p>Leon Hove</p>	<p><b>Eye Glasses/Hearing</b></p> <p>Dennis Hemsath Ed Obermark</p> <p><b>Adopt A Highway</b></p> <p>Dr. William Huber Mike Huber            Rob Vossbrink</p> <p><b>Conventions</b></p> <p>Leon Hove Vickey Engel            Dennis Hemsath Vince Borgerding</p> <p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>Vickey Engel</p> <p><b>Special Projects</b></p> <p>Vickey Engel Leon Hove            Vince Borgerding Rick Hopp</p> <p><b>Bulletin Editor</b></p> <p>Leon Hove</p> <p><b>Mint Sales</b></p> <p>John Litvan</p> <p><b>Web Page</b></p> <p>Dennis Hemsath            September 23, 2011</p> <p><b>Chili Cook Off</b></p> <p>September 23, 2011            Bill Dickinson Vickey Engel</p> <p><b>Fall Festival of the Arts</b></p> <p>September 24, 25, 2011            Ed Obermark Jarod Newman</p> <p><b>Christmas Party</b></p> <p>Tuesday, December 20, 2011            Dr. Mike Radetic Vince Borgerding</p> <p><b>Super Bowl Bar-B-Q</b></p> <p>February 5, 2012            David Politte Vince Borgerding</p>	<p><b>Special Olympics</b></p> <p>April , 2012            Leon Hove</p> <p><b>Home Show</b></p> <p>March 9, 10, 11, 2012            Jerry Brunner Matthew Feltmann</p> <p><b>Poker 500</b></p> <p>February 17, 2012            Jason Unnerstall Don Schlump</p> <p><b>Main Street BBQ</b></p> <p>April , 2012            T. Geisert N. Redhage</p> <p><b>Trivia Night</b></p> <p>March 10 2012            Karen Skornia</p> <p><b>Spring Art Fair &amp; Wine Fest</b></p> <p>May 18-20, 2012            Bill Dickinson</p> <p><b>Fair Parade</b></p> <p>July 29, 2012            Kevin Hunewill Ken Hopen</p> <p><b>Candy Day</b></p> <p>September 2011            John Griesheimer</p> <p><b>Scholarship Dinner</b></p> <p>June 26, 2012            Vince Borgerding            Vickey Engel Leon Hove</p> <p><b>Glaucoma Screening</b></p> <p>May 18, 2012            Jerry Brunner</p>
<p><b>Directors</b></p> <p>Ken Hopen Michael Guzy            Gary Marquart Shawn Thiemann            Karen Skornia Robert Weber</p> <p><b>Program Chairman</b></p> <p><b>Nell Redhage</b></p> <p>January ..... Wessels            February ..... N. Redhage            March ..... Litvan            April ..... Jasper            May ..... Haire            June ..... G. Bayless            July ..... Hopp            August ..... G. Marquart            September ..... N. Redhage            October ..... N. Redhage            November ..... N. Redhage            December ..... Radetic</p>			