



# Washington Lions Club

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## Message From Our President

Dear Fellow Lions:

I believe the Lions will face some challenges in 2010.

With continuing news reports that our economy is in a slump, people are not parting with their money as easily. This may affect sales of Super Bowl Bar-B-Q tickets, Poker 500 tickets, beer and food at the Festivals and Fair, etc. We will need to be more diligent than ever in controlling costs and in running efficient events.

We have fewer members now than when I started last June. I have only sworn in one new member. A few Lions have dropped their memberships. We should make a strong effort in 2010 to recruit new members to the Club.

We also have the challenge of increasing member participation. It appears that we have the same members, representing possibly one-third (or less) of the total membership of our Club doing the "Lion's share" of the work at our events. It is common for us to need to make last minute calls or pleas for help. If you are a member who has not been involved with our events recently, please come back! The longer a person goes without volunteering, the more difficult it is to get back in the habit. I would encourage everyone to make this effort in 2010.

We will also have some opportunities in 2010. We are looking forward to providing funds for the Lion's Lake Bank Stabilization Project. This will keep the Lake, our most well-known project, in good shape for years to come. We also have the funds to allow us to consider other new, possibly major projects. If anyone has any ideas for projects, please share them.

I expect that we will provide our usual financial assistance for scholarships, the United Way, Loving Hearts, Book Buzz, etc., and possibly consider some new causes, as well.

I believe we will benefit from having dedicated officers and Board members who are concerned about the Club's success.

I hope every member will participate in making 2010 a successful year for the Lions.

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion David Politte*

Lions President

## Shawn Thiemann to Be Inducted

Shawn Thiemann, son of the late Steve Thiemann will be inducted at Tuesday evening's Lions meeting. Come out and enjoy a great steak fixed by Lion Vince and his crew and welcome Shawn as our latest new member. Lion President D. Politte mentions above that new members are needed. Do you have a friend or neighbor who would make a good Lion? Bring him to a meeting and let them see what Lions are about.



**Sell, Sell, Sell Those Super Bowl Bar-B-Q Tickets  
Next Up Poker 500 February 26**

## Poker 500 February 26

Lions Schlump and J. Unnerstall are hard at work preparing for the annual Poker 500 at the K C Hall upper level. This is a chance to get all your friends and neighbors together to play poker and you won't have to worry about the mess in your house. Starting time will be promptly at 7:00 pm once again and traditional poker as well as Texas Hold 'em will be offered. Beverages and pizza will be available as well as 50-50 drawings so mark your calendar now and plan to bring a crowd.

## District 26-M2 Convention March 19-21

Sunset Hills's Holiday Inn Viking will once again be the site of the district convention. This will be our own **Lion Marvin's** District Convention and we need to have a good showing. As in the past, our room will have a theme. Lion Bossler suggested our theme be "The McAdams Family" and Lion Engel and her committee are working on making the room a showplace with that idea in mind. Make plans now to attend our hospitality room Friday night and have a good time socializing with fellow Lions from all over the district.

Saturday morning you can hear what other clubs are doing to raise money and how they are spending it to help others. Saturday's luncheon normally is a time when Lions have an opportunity to hear about a special project the district has undertaken during the past year and Melvin Jones Fellows are recognized. Saturday afternoon you can vote for next year's leaders of the district as well as open positions on the eye care committee and the eye foundation.

Saturday evening is the banquet and as Lion Vince says, "The march of the penguins". **Lion McAdams** will host a reception for the cabinet and special guests before the banquet for which we will need to provide the refreshments and bartenders. The banquet food is "okay" and the speech from the International Director Daniel O'Reilly will probably be very entertaining based on past directors performance.

Many of us will spend the night Friday and not run the risk of having a problem after spending an entire evening at the many hospitality rooms. Rooms are only \$73 plus tax and a block is being held for the Lions until February 16. Call 1-800-682-6338 to make your reservations. Saturday lunch is \$20 and the banquet is \$32. If you stay for Sunday breakfast that is \$18 but a \$5 discount applies if you attend all three. See **Lion Hemsath** for reservations and a detailed explanation of the costs.

## Glaucoma Screening and Hearing Van at ECC Health Fair

Lion Brunner has arranged for area Lions to participate in the ECC Health Fair Friday May 14. We will need several volunteers to help set up and man check-in and various other positions. This is one more way Lions can help those who have vision or hearing impairments. More details as we get closer to the event.

### Coming Events

#### January 26

Evening Meeting  
Elks Hall

#### February 1

Noon Board Meeting  
Doc Haus

#### February 2

Noon Business Meeting  
Elks Hall

#### February 6

Cook Chickens, Pork  
Super Bowl BBQ  
Fair Grounds

#### February 7

Super Bowl BBQ  
Admin Bldg.

#### February 9

Noon Meeting  
Elks Hall, Program, M. Carr

#### February 16

Noon Meeting  
Elks Hall, Program, M. Carr

#### February 23

Evening Meeting  
Elks Hall

#### February 26

Poker 500  
K C Hall

#### March 1

Noon Board Meeting  
Doc Haus

#### March 2

Noon Business Meeting  
Elks Hall

#### March 5, 6, 7

Washington Home Show  
Washington Auditorium  
Jerry Brunner, Chairman

#### March 9

Noon Meeting  
Elks Hall, Program Riggs

#### March 16

Noon Meeting  
Elks Hall

Program Riggs

#### March 19-21

District Convention  
Sunset Hills

#### March 23

Noon Meeting  
Elks Hall

Program Riggs

#### March 25

Jefferson City Trip  
Visit Senator Griesheimer

#### March 27

Easter Egg Hunt, Fair Grounds

#### March 30

Evening Meeting  
Elks Hall

#### April 5

Noon Board Meeting  
Doc Haus

#### April 6

Noon Business Meeting  
Elks Hall

Program, G. Bayless, Shofner

#### April 13

Noon Meeting  
Elks Hall

Program, G. Bayless, Shofner

#### April 16, 17

Blues Fest and BBQ Contest  
Downtown Washington

#### April 20

Noon Meeting

## Cost Savings on Newsletter

**Lion Hopp** told the Board that the newsletter is costing us about \$2,000 per year. Most of that cost is postage to all of our Lions members and District and International Lions. One option to reduce costs is to email the newsletter to those members who would like to have a color copy on their computer instead of a black and white copy come to them in the mail. **Lion Hemsath** can send a PDF file to the 140+ members he has emails for almost a week before you would normally receive a paper copy in the mail. If you are interested let **Lion Hemsath** know.

One board member suggested that newsletters could be a recruitment tool in addition to keeping our members informed. If you have a business with a waiting area why not have the current issue of the newsletter laying out for customers to see and read. Maybe they could see how much fun we have and what good we do for the community and want to be a participant. Also a suggestion was made to send copies to the library and chamber office.

## Easter Egg Hunt Needs Co-Chair

If we are going to have an Adult Easter Egg Hunt this year we are in need of a co-chair. **Lion Reagan** has said she will gladly co-chair the fund raiser but due to work commitments has to have a co-chairperson. If you are interested contact **Lion Reagan** or **Lion President D. Politte**. The Hunt is currently scheduled for Saturday, March 27. Last year the Club made about \$2,700 for the charity account from the Hunt.

## Visit Lion Griesheimer in Jeff City One Last Time

Thursday, March 25 is the date. We will take Amtrak from Washington at 7:00 am to Jeff City and return that evening. Group rates are available until February 15. **Lion Hove** has reserved space for 25 people but that will go away unless he has a minimum of 20 who have paid him by February 14. Cost is \$22.40 for you youngsters and only \$19.04 for those 62 and older. Contact **Lion Hove** to make reservations. Those who went two years ago know we had a great time and **Lion Griesheimer's** hospitality was superb.

# Evening Meeting

## Tuesday, January 26

**6:00 PM**

**Elks Bar**

**7:00 PM**

**Dinner**

# Elks Hall

Washington Lions Club  
 207 Jefferson St.  
 Washington, MO 63090  
 Return Service Requested



Meets every Tuesday at 12 Noon  
 Washington Elks Lodge  
 1459 West Fifth Street  
 Washington, MO

Make No appointments between noon and 1 p.m. Tuesday  
 This time belongs to your community.

**Officers for 2008-2009  
 Projects/Committees**

President ..... David Politte  
 1st Vice President ..... William Dickinson  
 2nd Vice President ..... Donald Schlump  
 3rd Vice President ..... Todd Geisert  
 Secretary ..... Dennis Hemsath  
 Treasurer ..... Rick Hopp  
 Tail Twister ..... Vince Borgerding  
 Lion Tamer ..... Don Hahne  
 Immed. Past President ..... Melissa Carr  
 Membership ..... Vickey Engel

**Directors**

Jerry Jasper Mark Bayless  
 Jamie King John Litvan  
 Nell Redhage Robert Weber

**Program Chairman  
 William Dickinson**

January ..... Jasper  
 February ..... M. Carr  
 March ..... Riggs  
 April ..... G. Bayless, Shofner  
 May .....  
 June .....  
 July ..... D. Politte  
 August .....  
 September .....  
 October ..... Redhage  
 November ..... T. Geisert  
 December ..... Borgerding

**Fair Frozen Drinks**

Brad Mitchell Missy Carr  
 Jason Unnerstall Jerry Maune  
 Karen Skornia Jeff Mohesky

**Candy Day**

September 2009  
 Jennifer Schickler J. Griesheimer

**Spring Art Fair & Wine fest**

May 14-16, 2010  
 Bill Dickinson

**Scholarship Dinner**

June 29, 2010  
 Vince Borgerding  
 Vickey Engel Leon Hove

**Calling Committee**

Jerry Brunner A-B  
 Steve Holzem C-D  
 Jim Feltmann, Sr. E-F  
 Dave Hackmann G-He  
 Jamie King Hi-Hu  
 Donna Joerling I-J  
 Jerry Maune K-Ma  
 Vickie Farr Mc-O  
 Missy Carr P-R  
 S-T  
 Mary Shofner U-Z

**Club History Preservation**

Gerry Bayless John Politte

**Easter Egg Hunt**

April 4, 2009  
 Paula Reagan

**Evening Cook Crew**

Gerry Bayless Jerry Maune  
 Dr. Mike Radetic Bill Branson  
 Vince Borgerding Jerry Brunner

**Chili Cook Off**

September 25, 2009  
 Bill Dickinson Vickey Engel

**Fall Festival of the Arts**

September 26, 27, 2009  
 Ed Obermark Dave Politte

**Christmas Party**

Tuesday, December 15, 2009  
 Dr. Mike Radetic Vince Borgerding

**Super Bowl Bar-B-Q**

February 1, 2009  
 Brad Mitchell Vince Borgerding

**Adopt A Highway**

William Huber Mike Huber  
 Rob Vossbrink

**Mint Sales**

John Litvan

**Web Page**

Dennis Hemsath

**Cornea Transporters  
 Lions as required**

**Special Olympics**  
 April , 2010  
 Leon Hove

**Home Show**

March 12, 13, 14, 2010  
 Jerry Brunner

**Poker 500**

February , 2010  
 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**

August 2, 2009  
 Dr. Fred Peet William Rennick

**Bulletin Editor**

Leon Hove

**Historical Society Cooking**

May 3, 2010