

LION OF THE YEAR 2022 - 2023
Awarded Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Singling out just one club member for Lion of the Year can be difficult, as we have so many worthy Lions from which to choose.

This year's Lion of the Year is a club member whose name is established in the state and community, as well as the club. Every year this Lion who is a Melvin Jones Fellow, works tirelessly to see to it that the club will be able to fulfill its obligations to serve the community. This Lion has established a pattern in his work and his Lions life of being innovative, and constantly looking for ways to make improvements.

This Lion seamlessly helped transition our biggest fund raiser from a sit-down type of event to a drive-thru. And, in the process, this Lion deserves the Lions share (pun intended) of the credit for making this year's event the most profitable, with \$16,435 raised. It was his idea to produce the Box Meals with separate internal containers that keep the product at the right temperature and makes the drive-thru process much better. For 2023, this Lion was the biggest seller of tickets, bringing in over \$4,000.00

For JC Host Lions Club members, Ham, Bean, and Chili is, at most a two-day event. For this Lion, the process starts at the end of the event day as all items are returned to our storage shed. This Lion puts these away on shelves and takes inventory of all the supplies. On Thursday keys are returned, and the venue is booked for the next year.

Then in December, this Lion works up a list of items needed and places the food order with Schultes and gets all paper goods separately. On Monday of our serving week all items are moved from the shed to Selinger center. The basement of Selinger is set up for the work scheduled on Tuesday. This Lion is one of the first ones there early Wednesday morning, and the last to leave Wednesday night.

This Lion is a member of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame and the JC Schools Foundation Hall of Leaders. With his spouse, this Lion lets kids run all over him on a track named for the couple.

Please help in honoring Lion Dennis Licklider, the 2022 - 2023 Lion of the Year for the JC Host Lions.