

Weekly Announcements:

December 14 – January 3

December Board Minutes

The minutes to the December Board Meeting are attached below.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

It was announced this week that the total donations received for our Annual Lions Salvation Army Bell Ringing Day was \$17,474.13.

December 15 (Monday) Holiday Gathering

For those Lion's signed up to attend, this year's Holiday Gathering will be held on Monday, December 15th at the American Legion, 2413 Tanner Bridge, Jefferson City. Social time will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:00 p.m. Turkey and Ham with all the trimmings will be served. Cost is \$15.00 per person with the Tail Twister fund picking up the remainder.

December 17 (Wednesday) Donation Collection for Mobility Worldwide and Speaker

Please be advised the Host Lions Board has approved this request to collect the following items to be brought to the club meeting on December 17 and then taken to Mobility Worldwide. Gallon jugs washed, dried with lids are needed, walkers and canes, sewing machines and fabric of all varieties are also in need. A truck will be made available to drop these items off before and after the meeting so there is no need to bring anything into the meeting. Please consider this a part of our Christmas outreach and ask friends and family for these items and let us take a full truck load to Gary Moreau at Mobility Worldwide on the 17th.

Wednesday's speaker will be Ruth Nation a retired Music Teacher who was inspired by a tour of the Mobility Worldwide Plant and Gary Moreau will explain her subsequent travel/work with the Lion's Sightfirst Eye Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya. She will give details regarding the hospital, the distribution of Mobility Carts and Partners for Care who provide Water Safe Backpacks.

No Meeting Dates

We will be taking Christmas and New Years break on December 24th and December 31st with no weekly meetings on those dates. Meetings will resume on Wednesday, January 7th.

Also, your Co-Secretaries will also be taking a break with the Weekly Announcements. Watch for the Announcements to resume on Sunday, January 4th.

January 7 (Wednesday)

On January 7th, our speaker will be Lion Jane Haslag. She will present details regarding the Missouri Prairie Foundation and how it protects and restores prairie and other native grassland communities through land management, acquisition, education and research. The MPF Grow Native program is celebrating their 25th anniversary this year!

Host Lions Basketball Traveling Trophy's

Our club awards boys' and girls' basketball traveling trophy's when Helias, Jefferson City, and Capital City play each other. This is the fourth year of the traveling trophy and has turned into something the players look forward to each year. Games for 2026 have been announced.

Boys

January 20 JC vs Helias – 7:00 p.m.

February 17 Helias vs Capital City – 7:00 p.m.

February 20 JC vs Capital City – 7:00 p.m.

Girls

February 10 Capital City vs JC – 7:00 p.m.

February 18 Capital City vs Helias – 7:00 p.m.

February 23 JC vs Helias – 7:00 p.m.

All members are welcome to attend and help with the presentation of the trophy after each game. Any questions contact Mick Wilson at 573/291-0103.

Upcoming Speakers

January 21 – Lion and Mayor Ron Fitzwater

January 28 – Jamie Livingston, Adult Services Librarian, Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

Important Dates to Remember

- February 4: Ham 'n Bean and Chili Day
- May 13: Peanut Packing
- May 15: Dusty Deskins Memorial Peanut Day

Zoom Meeting Information

If you would like to participate in a meeting via Zoom, please contact Janet Ousley at (573) 301-8304 for assistance.

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Co-Secretaries,

Janet Ousley and Marlene Carlson