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The Lions' Roar



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THE BIG LION'S MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER

By Ken Collyard, President

Well here I am again posing questions on membership insights.

One of my main objectives is to approach ethnic American groups in our area and encourage their members to become Lions.

I had a long discussion with our prospective new Lion, **Ray Pua**, who is Chinese-American and who holds a Ph.D. He had a firm insight on the approach and procedure, which was akin to the friendship and relations I have with my other ethnic friends.

I drink a good deal of tea in the afternoon and evenings discussing family and investments, along with making much small talk. From those many teas I have befriended many foreign Americans who have also become my investors. Ray Pua explained to me that ethnic groups have a need to acquire *small amounts* of information before they see the big picture. On the other hand, we Americans are accustomed to moving very fast in business affairs. To members of other cultures, however, the large picture becomes overwhelming if all details are given to them at the start.

If a few of us could attend meetings of these groups and learn who the organizers are, eventually we might have more and more of them attending our Lions Club meetings before beginning a branch, or pulling them into our membership.

I was excited to learn of this technique. Naturally, it would become a "challenge of time" to accomplish such a feat; however the benefits of a good number of diverse members would be the envy of the district. Times have changed my fellow Lions, and we must change with them.

Raise your hands if you are among those who would like to attempt this venture into the international arena!

An Abbreviated Newsletter This Month and Next; Permanent Editor Desperately Needed!

As you can tell, this is a condensed version of the regular monthly *Lion's Roar*. Ye Olde Interim Editor spent two full days early this week at the Johnson County Courthouse in Olathe fulfilling one of the essential duties of citizenship—yep, jury duty. There hasn't been much time to put together a multi-page issue as is usually done. Because of a trip long planned and scheduled for late December and early January by Lions Neal and Beverly Nichols, the next issue may not be much better. As Big Lion Ken says above, "Raise your hand" if you're willing to take on this task.

Always worth repeating . . .

Don't Forget Heart to Heart Care-Kit Project

Save your Heart to Heart donations until January. Band-Aids® (10) for December and a wide-tooth pocket comb for January. In the spirit of Christmas, the Tail Twister will not enforce this activity on December 9.

Santa Claus to Come For Breakfast With Overland Park Host Lions Saturday Morning; **NOTE: Starting Time Will be 8:00 a.m.**

Our annual "Breakfast With Santa" will be held Saturday, December 9, at the Wyndham Garden hotel. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. instead of 7 or 7:15 as usual.

As always, family members are welcome. Meal prices for non-member adults will be \$11; prices for children 5-12 will be \$5.50 and children under 5 eat for free.

Gifts for children should be provided by Lion parents or grandparents and the value should be no more than \$20. Please put a tag or sticker on the gift for each child, with the child's name in large, legible letters to make it easier for Santa to know for whom the present is intended.

It might not – stress might not – be too late to get last-minute reservations in. Call or e-mail Past President Lion Mae Claxton if an unexpected guest you'd like to bring showed up at your house!

Places to Go . . . Things to Do!

No OP Host Club Meeting on December 23; Kansas Mid-Winter Rally, Salina, Jan. 12-13; Help Get Donations for Raffle Tickets

The Big Lion, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, announces that there will be **NO MEETING ON DECEMBER 23**. The next regular meeting will be on January 13.

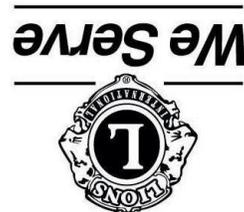
NOTE: The **annual Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally** will also be held on the week-end of January 12-14. We'd like some of our members to go to that to help man a hospitality room and take reservations for our May 4 50th-Anniversary celebration. The Mid-Winter Rally will also be a great opportunity to offer raffle tickets to Lions from around the state. (Lions who make donations for raffle tickets need not be present at the anniversary banquet to win. If their names are drawn, we'll arrange to get the prizes to them.)

Attendance at the Mid-Winter Rally gives Lions a chance to attend informative leadership seminars and hear top Lions speak.

Traditionally, our members have stopped at the Brookville Hotel, which is now just off I-70 in Abilene, for a delicious family-style chicken dinner on the way home on Sunday noon. Please let Big Lion Ken Collyard or Lion Neal Nichols know if you'd like to attend so reservations can be made.

Contact KansasLions@aol.com for information about room and meal reservations for the Rally (or see the last issue of Kansas Lions News for details, if you still have it.)

Help the 50th Anniversary Fund! Contact Lion Mae Claxton for at least five booklets of 6 tickets if you don't already have yours. Suggested donations: \$2 per ticket; book of 6 for \$10. Great prizes are being offered!



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In The Next Issue (whenever that might be!!)

Update on 50th-Anniversary plans

Raffle tickets progress report

Condensed Treasurer's Reports for November, December

(No, the reports will be condensed, not the Treasurer)

Visitation Schedule for late winter, early spring

"Stark(s) Reality" returns!

Big Lion's Monthly Message

2007 Flag Schedule

(Get the hint: if you have any news you want in here, get it to Ye Olde Interim Editor right away!)

For the January issue, submit all information for publication in *The Roar* no later than December 20. Submit by e-mail to taximath@aol.com and put "OPHLC Newsletter info" on the subject line. If you don't have Internet access, send by US Mail and then call Lion Nichols by phone (get number from Club Directory) and leave word that you've sent material.