



January, 2007

The Lions' Roar



We've Sponsored The Metcalf Avenue of Flags for 40 years!

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas

Lionism's 90th Year

2006-2007

Our 50th Year

WE SERVE

OPHLC Board to Discuss New "Partnership" With Deanna Rose Farmstead "Breakfast With Santa," Salvation Army Bell Ringing Add Zest to December;

See below and on inside pages for more pictures from "Breakfast With Santa" and Salvation Army Bell Ringing.



(Left) Lucky Santa—lots of pretty girls sat on his lap at breakfast!
(Right) A little apprehension showing here—maybe Santa will leave a lump of coal!

Don't Forget Heart to Heart Care-Kit Project!

For January: bring a wide-tooth comb (preferably in original wrapper) on January 13 or 27.

And we have December to make up, too, because with "Breakfast with Santa" on December 9 and no meeting on December 23 nothing was collected last month. Bring ten Band-Aids® or similar adhesive bandages (3/4" width).

Tail Twister Lion Ron Bloome will gently remind you, should you forget.

We're gathering materials to make disaster-relief packages—"Care Kits"—to donate to Heart to Heart International (which is headquartered right here in Johnson County.) It isn't too late to make up for the earlier meetings. The year-long project will include the following items:

July: two one-gallon Zip-Loc bags.

August: a new wash cloth.

September: a new hand towel.

October: a travel-size bar of soap.

November: one plastic travel size soap dish.

December: ten Band-Aids (3/4" width).

January: one wide-tooth comb.

February: one small bottle of shampoo.

March: one new, individually wrapped toothbrush.

April: one travel-size tube of toothpaste

May: one crisp new one-dollar bill (to offset shipping costs).

A "work party" will be scheduled for June, at which time the bags will be assembled for sending to the Heart to Heart warehouse in Kansas City, Kansas.

If every Overland Park Host Lion provides material for one "Care Kit," we'd be able to send almost 50 to Heart to Heart. When the next disaster strikes – anywhere – we would have helped fifty individuals get emergency relief items immediately! Everyone, please do your part!

New Fund-Raising, Service Opportunity Proposed by Children's Farmstead Staff

Lion Art Meganck has informed our Board of Directors of a combined service and fund-raising plan received from the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead staff.

An e-mail from Gayle J. Lindmark, chairman, said in part,

"The Farmstead is proposing the following partnership with the Lions Club.

"On the first of April, from 9 AM to 5 PM, the Farmstead will provide the Lions Club with hot dogs and drinks. The Lions Club will be responsible for food preparation and sales activities and will keep all of the proceeds from the sale.

"In exchange for this fund raising event, the Lions Club will provide the Farmstead with six (6) volunteers for the events listed below. Volunteers will be expected to assist in setup, conduct and teardown of the event."

Eight events were listed by Ms. Lindmark:

Pet Pals, May 12 from 11 AM to 3 PM;

Dairy Day, in June (day TBA), 11 AM to 3 PM;

Chicken Run, July 21, 7:30 to 10 AM;

Safety Day, August 11, 11 AM to 3 PM;

Fishing Tournament, August 25, time TBA;

Apple Fest, September 8 and 9, 11 AM to 3 PM;

Pumpkin Hollow, October 5 – 21, times vary.

Night of the Living Farm, October 19, 20, 26, 27, 6 to 9 PM.

Lion Meganck said in an e-mail to the Board, "I believe that we need to bring this proposal up . . . I haven't digested it all and you might have questions that I should ask in regard to the proposal. Please let me know and I will get the answers before the [January] board meeting. **This could be an opportunity to do something unique for us and our community.** Please respond with your thoughts and questions. If I have the information needed it will shorten our decision time." (Emphasis added by Interim Editor.)

The next Board meeting is at 7 AM on Saturday, January 6, at Mimi's Restaurant at Oak Park Mall. Lions who want to express their opinions about the Deanna Rose proposal should contact Board members before then.



Prospective members! Tara Swayne (left) and the Lions Nichols' granddaughter Heather Ralph participated in bell-ringing at the Sam's Club, 135th and Antioch on December 16.

Stark(s) Reality

by Lion Ben Starks

Somewhere in the Midwest, I read, a homeowners association raised objections to a Christmas wreath incorporating the "peace symbol" that a resident had hung. Why the objection? According to my understanding, the angels sang, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men." Duh!!

Recently—in the month of November—we officially gave "thanks" for our many blessings.

Now we have just passed through the season of sharing. Soon the time for making amends and pledging resolutions will be upon us.

We can help make a better Kansas, a better USA and ultimately a better world if we but remember to "be thankful," to "share blessings," and to "resolve to be better persons."

So might it be!

Mark Your Calendars Now . . . Save Room for Work Days, Too!

2007 Metcalf Avenue of Flags Schedule Set

Lion Art Meganck has announced the Flag Day schedule for 2007. The usual eight holiday observance are included.

Work days in advance of the Flag raisings will be announced in the early Spring. These are days when we get together to ensure that curb markings are freshly painted, that badly-worn Flags and/or poles are replaced, that any damaged or missing "sleeves" are replaced, and that a good supply of corks are painted and greased.

The Flag program is a civic and patriotic gesture, but more than that it is the major fund-raising effort of our service year. Nearly \$12,000 annually has been donated by sponsoring merchants in each of the last three or four years.

Lion Jack Brown heads up the financial end of the program; Lions Dick Ferguson, Pat Gray and Art Meganck "honcho" the operations aspect of it.

Saturday, May 19 Armed Forces Day
 Monday, May 22 Memorial Day
 Thursday, June 14 Flag Day
 Wednesday, July 4 Independence Day
 Monday, September 3 Labor Day
 Tuesday, September 11 Patriot Day
 Monday, October 9 Columbus Day
 Sunday, November 11 Veterans Day

Flags go up at 6:00 a.m., come down at 4:30 p.m.

Meet at Newcomer's Chapel garage (the "Body Shop"), 82nd and Metcalf.

A special note to other club Presidents and Secretaries who read this newsletter:

District Governor David Hentges' Awards Program for 2006-2007 includes credit for participating in another club's projects. Here's your chance to earn that credit! Pass the word on to your members. By helping Overland Park Host raise (and lower) the Flags, your members will honor our Country, beautify our city, and raise funds for sight-conservation projects—and have a lot of fun doing it with other Lions!!



The 2007 Forum will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan in September. Plan now to attend. Early registration means a better chance to get assigned to the hotel of your choice. The Forum is a tremendous opportunity to enhance your skills as a Lions leader—present or future! Kansas' own Past International Director Ed McCormick is general chairman for 2007.

Big Lion's Message for January . . .

Program Assignments: January through June

My Fellow Lions,

Welcome to 2007 and the last half of my year as your President!

Here is the schedule of program assignments for the rest of this service year. Please make every effort to fulfill your responsibilities. If you cannot get a program lined up, let me know and I will have some suggestions for you.

(SPECIAL NOTE: I will select a Lion to offer the invocation prior to each meeting. But if you will not be present when you are responsible for the Flag Salute or Lions Toast, please notify me well in advance so I can ask someone else.)

JANUARY 13 GRANT ROGERS and JASON TYRER
 Flag Salute by John Watson Lions Toast by Merlyn Albaugh
 JANUARY 27..... BUD TURNTINE and KRAIG HICKEY
 Flag Salute by Chuck Binau Lions Toast by Dottie Bloome
 FEBRUARY 10 JOHN WATSON and JACK BROWN
 Flag Salute by Lee Fox Lions Toast by Roger Claxton
 FEBRUARY 24 CHUCK BINAU and LEE FOX
 Flag Salute by Carole Collyard Lions Toast by Don Ediger
 MARCH 10 NEAL NICHOLS and BILL DAUGHERTY
 Flag Salute by Dick Ferguson Lions Toast by Larry Lively
 MARCH 24 MAE CLAXTON and DON EDIGER
 Flag Salute by Larry Martindale Lions Toast by Art Meganck
 APRIL 14 ART MEGANCK and RON BLOOME
 Flag Salute by Neal Nichols Lions Toast by Chuck Olsen
 APRIL 28 EDSON PARKER and JACK MCLAIN
 Flag Salute by Beverly Nichols Lions Toast by Kraig Hickey
 MAY 12 LARRY MARTINDALE and BEVERLY NICHOLS
 Flag Salute by Paul Roerman Lions Toast by Janette Reh
 MAY 28 BEN STARKS (Memorial Bell observance ?)
 Flag Salute by Ed Schulteis Lions Toast by Darrel Stone
 JUNE 9 MERLYN ALBAUGH and JANETTE SANDERS-REH
 Flag Salute by Jennifer Tridle Lions Toast by Jason Tyrer
 JUNE 23 ... INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS (speaker TBA)
 Flag Salute by Dale Warden Lions Toast by Al Witwer

Program Team Members should keep each other informed about progress; one Lion should be responsible for "hosting" and introducing the program.

Programs should be 20-25 minutes in length. Time for a short question-and-answer time should be allowed. NOTE: Speakers appear at their own expense, without remuneration of any kind, including travel. They are, however, the club's guests for breakfast. They should not solicit contributions, donations, or political affiliation or support, nor should they offer products for sale as part of any program.

Plan programs as far in advance as possible (a minimum of six weeks is ideal). Until a permanent newsletter editor takes over, give details about your program—including speaker's name, position, and program topic—to Lion Neal Nichols (913-642-7520) or e-mail to taximath@aol.com.

Best wishes from Lion Carole and me to each of you for a very successful, prosperous and Happy New Year.

Big Lion Ken Collyard

Wear Your Pin With Pride!



Pictures tell the story . . .

2006 Salvation Army Bell-Ringing Highlights

Lion Mae Claxton did another outstanding job of organizing our bell-ringing activity this year. At “press time,” the Salvation Army headquarters had not yet told her how much we collected, but balmy weather and a busy shopping day should mean we did very well.



Lions Chuck Olsen and Darrel Stone are all smiles during their shift as bell ringers on December 16. Hands in apron pockets mean they are ready with candy canes for the next child who comes by.



Tail Twister Lion Ron Bloome takes it easy, while Lion Dottie does the work. Yeah, Ron, we know it's you! Hiding behind those sunglasses didn't fool anyone.



Lion Grant Rogers, Grant's son Greg, and Big Lion Ken Collyard work into the evening darkness. Lion Grant wants overtime pay—a Salvation Army driver did not arrive until about 8 p.m. to pick up the kettle!—resulting in a four-hour shift for Grant.



Ye Olde Interim Editor didn't get identification of all the children who are pictured in this issue, and apologizes to the parents and grandparents of the kids who aren't named here.

(Upper left) Samantha says, “Of course I've been good! Just ask my grandmother [Lion Mae Claxton]!”

(Upper right) “Whatever it was that somebody did that you didn't want done, I didn't do it,” says a lad who claimed to have been very good, at least for most of the past year.

(Lower left) Christmas is about the little ones among us. For most of us, after all, it is the Christ-child that we honor in this season of good will.

(Lower right) Zoe Ralph, great-granddaughter of the Lions Nichols, listens to Santa ask her what she hopes to get for Christmas.



After Santa gave away all his gifts to the good little boys and girls, Big Lion Ken Collyard presented him with our traditional memento of the occasion, a brass Lion engraved with “Overland Park Host Lions Club,” in appreciation for his visit.



The Overland Park Host Almanac . . .

(More than you ever wanted to know about anything!)

2006-2007 Officers and Board of Directors Overland Park Host Lions Club

Ken Collyard	President
Mae Claxton	Immediate Past President
Merlyn Albaugh	1st Vice President
Ed Schulteis	2nd Vice President
Beverly Nichols	3rd Vice President
Carole Collyard	Secretary
Roger Claxton	Treasurer
Pat Gray	Lion Tamer
Ron Bloome	Tail Twister
Dick Ferguson	Director, 2004-2007
Grant Rogers	Director, 2004-2007
Jack McLain	Director, 2005-2008
Art Meganck	Director, 2005-2008
Paul Roerman	Director, 2006-2009
Chuck Olsen	Director, 2006-2009
Darrel Stone	Membership Committee Chair
Dottie Bloome	Membership Committee Vice-Chair
Bob Larson	Membership Committee Member

District K-7 Officers

David Hentges (<i>Turner</i>)	District Governor
Neal Nichols (<i>Overland Park Host</i>)	Vice District Governor
Richard Barnes (<i>Shawnee</i>)	Secretary
Rick Dodson (<i>Lansing</i>)	Treasurer
Bernard Lee (<i>Scranton</i>)	Immediate Past District Governor

Condensed Treasurer's Reports

(November, 2006—latest official figures available)

General Operating Account

Income:

50th Anniversary Account (all sources)	\$ 169.00
Meals	44.00
Membership dues	25.00
Total Income.....	\$ 238.00

Expenses:

50th Anniversary expenses	\$ 177.36
Supplies/Miscellaneous	95.16
Meeting room/meals	626.62
<i>Lion's Roar</i> expenses	229.36
Total expenses	\$ 1,128.50

Net Income **\$ -890.50**

Service Account

Income:

Flag sponsors	\$ 616.00
Hy-Vee Coupon Books	15.00
Total Income	\$ 631.00

Expenses:

Supplies/printing, postage	\$ 23.19
Disbursement to Accessible Arts program	250.00
Total Expenses	\$ 273.19

Net income **\$ 357.61**

Big Lion To Name Nominating Committee Soon

Big Lion Ken Collyard will soon be appointing a committee comprised of past presidents to nominate officers and directors for the 2007-2008 Lions service year. Details will be forthcoming at meetings in January.

For February and later, submit all information for publication in *The Roar* no later than Tuesday after the first Saturday of each month. 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 (913) 642-7520 and leave word that you've sent material.

For your calendar . . .

Sat., Jan. 6 Directors Meeting, Mimi's, 7:00 a.m.

Jan. 12-14 Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally, Salina.

We will have a hospitality room at the *Salina Holiday Inn Holidome* to sell raffle tickets and take reservations for our 50th Anniversary Celebration. Plan to attend and help out. See page 5 of this issue for meals registration form and details about reserving rooms at the Holidome.

Sat., Jan. 13 Regular Meeting, Wyndham Garden, 7:00 a.m.

Sat., Jan. 27 Regular Meeting, Wyndham Garden, 7:00 a.m.

Sat., Jan. 27 ... District K-7 Cabinet meeting, Shawnee, 9:00 a.m.

Sat., Feb. 3 Directors Meeting, Mimi's, 7:00 a.m.

Sat., Feb. 10 Regular meeting, Wyndham Garden, 7:00 a.m.

And later on . . .

March 2-3, 2007 K-7 District Convention, Kansas City, KS

May 4, 2007 Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet
Overland Park Convention Center

June 1-3, 2007 Kansas Lions State Convention, Hutchinson
International President Jimmy Ross will speak—*in person!*

July 2-6, 2007 Lions International Convention, Chicago
Join the 90th Anniversary Celebration in the Windy City!

September, 2007..USA/Canada Forum, Grand Rapids, MI.

Tentative Visitations to Other Clubs . . .

Visitations are tentatively planned on the following dates:

Monday, Jan. 15	Eudora	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 16	Lenexa	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 17	Merriam-Shawnee	NOON
Wednesday, January 17	Shawnee	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 18	Overland Park Noon	NOON
Friday, January 19	Paola	6:45 <u>AM</u>
Saturday, January 20	Prairie Village	8:00 <u>AM</u>
Monday, January 22	Ottawa	NOON
Monday, January 22	Olathe	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 23	Leawood	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, January 24	Gardner	6:30 p.m.
Friday, January 26	Osawatomie	NOON
Monday, FEBRUARY 19	Turner	6:30 p.m.

These dates have not been confirmed with the clubs to be visited, but contacts will be made in the next few days to ensure that it is OK to visit.

Visitations are a great way to fellowship with other Lions and to learn of their projects and activities. Visitations in the next few months are very important to us, because they offer a chance for us to sell raffle tickets to help raise funds for our 50th Anniversary celebration.

You will have the opportunity to sign up soon to help your club. Please be willing to do your part.

KANSAS LIONS MID-WINTER RALLY

(and Third Kansas-MD17 State Council Meeting)

Salina, January 12-14

This year’s theme is “Back to the Beginning—Chicago: Where It All Began.”

(Preparing for the Lions Clubs International Convention in July)

Past International Director John Daum (*South Dakota*) will be special guest and speaker.

MEAL RESERVATION FORM—RETURN BY January 5, 2007

_____ reservations for Friday buffet (6:30 p.m.) @ \$16.00 each

_____ reservations for Saturday breakfast buffet (6:30 – 10:30 a.m.)..... @ 7.50 each

_____ reservations for Saturday lunch (11:30 a.m.) @ 9.00 each

_____ reservations for Saturday banquet (6:30 p.m.) @ 17.50 each

_____ reservations for Sunday breakfast buffet (6:30 – 10:30 a.m.) @ \$7.50 each

_____ Meal Packages (*all five meals*) @ \$57.00 each

(Note: All meal prices include tax and gratuity.)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

List any special dietary needs: _____

Name (s) _____

Mailing Address _____

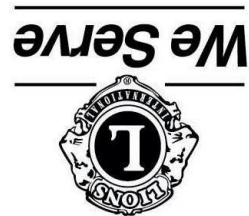
Club _____ District (*circle one*): K1 K2 K3 K4 K5 K6 K7

Mail reservations to: Lion William Tolle
797 – 23rd Avenue
Galva, KS 67443
Phone: 620-345-8346
E-MAIL: tollehouse@mtelco.net

Please make checks payable to: Mid-Winter Rally

(Reserve hotel rooms directly with Holiday Inn Holidome, Salina, 1616 West Crawford, Salina, KS by December 28 (or as soon thereafter as possible!). (Call 785-823-1739; ask for “Lions Reservations.”)

See the December, 2006 issue of *The Kansas Lions News* for full details about all the activities, seminars, and meetings taking place at the Mid-Winter Rally.



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