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# The Lions' Roar

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## Blind-Schools Council Gives Top Leadership Award to Lion Bill Daugherty

*They Did It Again!*

### Overland Park Host Lions Win First-Place in District Convention Table-Centerpiece Voting



OP Host Secretary Lion Carole Collyard (right) accepts a first-prize check from Lion Susan McDonald of Auburn at the District Convention at KCK.

Thanks to the creative, imaginative minds of the women in our club, the table centerpiece entry by the Overland Park Host Lions was the highest vote getter at the March 3-4 District Convention. All entries carried out District Governor David Hentges' year-long theme, "Growing Together." Attendees cast secret ballots to select the winner.

Overland Park's centerpiece featured a lion doll "singing" lyrics from *The Lion King*. This lion was "mentor" to several smaller lion dolls in the arrangement, helping the entire group, or "pride," to "grow together."

A cash prize was awarded for the winning entry.

Congratulations go to Lions Dottie Bloome, Mae Claxton, Carole Collyard, and Beverly Nichols for their hard work in creating not only prize-winning centerpiece but for a theme basket on behalf of the club as well.

### Lion Earl McIntosh Sends Change of Address

Lion Earl McIntosh has moved to a different apartment in San Antonio and has asked Lions who write to him to change his mailing address to:

**Lion Earl McIntosh**  
8645 Fredericksburg Rd, No. 459  
San Antonio, TX 78540

Only the **apartment number** has changed; the street address remains the same.

Lion Earl's telephone number is 210-561-7923.

### Child-Centered Attitude, Compassion, Leadership, And Innovations Are Cited

Lion Dr. Bill Daugherty has received the *William H. English Leadership Award* from the Council of Schools for the Blind (COSB). Lion Bill, superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) in Kansas City, Kansas and a member of our own Overland Park Host Lions Club, was recognized for his many contributions, leadership and innovations at the state and national level.

Lion Bill has been at the helm of the KSSB for thirteen years. In that time, says a writer for *The Kansas Eagle* (December, 2006 issue), he has "redefined the school's mission as a partnership with local school districts and parents to empower their students with blindness-specific skills and attitudes to become successful adults. . . . He is working on several state-wide initiatives to improve the quality of services for babies with visual impairments, school-age children, and adults."

He has won the respect of his peers and serves as a positive role model to them as well as to his colleagues and staff and to those just entering the field of service to the blind.

In giving Lion Bill the award, COSB recognized his child-centered attitude, his compassion and ability to listen, and his commitment to blind and visually impaired students in Kansas.

CONGRATULATIONS, LION BILL! We proud of you and honored to have you as one of us OPH Lions.

### MARCH PROGRAM SCHEDULE TO FEATURE UNIQUE VISION SERVICE, RAILWAY SAFETY

Two outstanding programs are on tap for Host Lions Club members this month.

On Saturday, March 10, Steve Hayes will be guest speaker. Steve is a member of the Board of Directors of Focus on Independence, Inc. a not-for-profit organization that provides laser or surgical vision correction at no cost to disabled individuals who are unable to use their arms or hands to handle eyeglasses or contact lenses. Mr. Hayes will have a Power-Point and video presentation.

On Saturday, March 24, Lion Gary Schneider will speak on the subject, "Operation Life Saver for Highway-Rail Crossings." Lion Schneider is from Herington, Kansas. He is District Governor Elect in Kansas Lions District K5 and will serve as District Governor there in 2007-2008.

## Stark(s) Reality

by Lion Ben Starks

Do you, like me, often wake up in the middle of the night wondering, "Is my cup of life half full or half empty? Do my accomplishments outweigh the dregs and the dross?" Or find yourself questing the "How" or the "Why"? As Johnny Cash sang, "Why me, Lord? What have I ever done to deserve even one . . . ?"

In the woods, where two paths diverged, did I take the one less traveled by? Did it make a difference? *Any* difference?

Then I thought—

I had walked life's way with an easy tread  
And followed where comfort and pleasures led.  
Until one day, in a quiet place  
I met the Master face to face!<sup>1</sup>

Ah ha! I had been in denial, afraid to face the truth. I didn't quite measure up.

I fled Him down the night and down the days.  
I fled Him down the arches of the years,  
I fled Him down the labyrinthine ways of my own mind  
And in the midst of tears, I hid from Him.<sup>2</sup>

Oh, a "light-bulb" moment! Then I should

Build the more stately mansions of my soul  
As the swift seasons roll!  
Let each new temple, nobler than the last  
Shut thee from Heaven with a dome more vast  
Till thou at length art free  
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unrelenting sea."<sup>3</sup>

And then it occurred to me

Out of the night that covers me  
Black as a pit, from pole to pole,  
I thank whatever Gods may be  
for my unconquerable soul.<sup>4</sup>

Lo and behold, it suddenly resonated within me that joyous revelation as revealed by that ancient and divinely enlightened Psalmist,

**"My Cup Runneth Over"!!**

[Editor's notes:]

<sup>1</sup>From "I Met the Master" (author unknown)

<sup>2</sup>From "The Hound of Heaven" by Francis Thompson (1859-1907)

<sup>3</sup>From "The Chambered Nautilus," by Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. (1809-1894)

<sup>4</sup>From "Invictus," by William Ernest Henley (1849-1903)

## Spring Garage Sale Set for April 20 and 21

Lion Mae Claxton has announced that a Spring garage sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21 at the Claxtons' home, 10404 Nieman Road in Overland Park.

All Lions are urged to participate. Lion Mae said, "Do your spring cleaning early. Bring your cast-offs for sale!"

If you have items for sale, but can't deliver them to the sale, call Lion Mae at 913-492-8210 or Big Lion Ken Collyard at 913-484-6942.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to help cover 50th-Anniversary banquet expenses.

## Overland Park Host Lions Well-Represented At 2007 District Convention In Kansas City, KS

Eight Lions from our club attended the 2007 K7 District Convention in Kansas City, Kansas on March 2 and 3. All activities were held at Savior Pastoral Center, 126th and Parallel. The complex is the headquarters for the Archdiocese of KCK.

International Director Wayne Heiman and his wife Cheryl of Wisconsin represented Lions Clubs International. They combined on a special seminar, "Which Comes First—Recruitment or Retention?" and Director Heiman was guest speaker at the Saturday noon luncheon.

Attending from OPHLC were Big Lion Ken Collyard, Secretary Carole Collyard, Immediate Past President Mae Claxton, Dottie Bloome, Beverly Nichols, Edson Parker, Janet Reh, and Vice District Governor Neal Nichols.

To no one's great surprise, VDG Lion Neal Nichols was elected as District Governor Elect. He will become District Governor at the close of the International Convention in Chicago on July 6.

Lion Peggy Jacobson of the Overland Park Noon Lions Club was elected Vice District Governor Elect. Her husband, Lion David Jacobson, was District Governor in 1995.



Several awards were presented to deserving Lions and Clubs during the noon luncheon on Saturday. Shown below at far left is PDG Lion Ken Rowen (*Lawrence Noon Lions*) and at far right is Lion Art Hadley (*Lawrence River City Lions*). They accepted Certificates of Appreciation from International President Lion Jimmy Ross for leading in the effort to build a Habitat for Humanity house for a family in Lawrence. Next to PDG Rowen is International Director Wayne Heiman next to Lion Hadley is District Governor David Hentges.



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**Campaign SightFirst II is well underway. Will you make a generous donation? \$1 can prevent a case of river blindness. \$6 can restore a person's sight.**

**Heart to Heart Care-Kit Project Still Underway!**

For March: bring an individually wrapped toothbrush on March 10 or 24.

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!

*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.

**Program Assignments: March through June**

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

- MARCH 10 ..... NEAL NICHOLS and BILL DAUGHERTY  
Flag Salute by Dick Ferguson ..... Lions Toast by Larry Lavelly
- 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.

**The USA/Canada Leadership Forum, 2007:  
"Get Hooked on Grand Rapids"**



The 2007 Forum will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 6-8. 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.

**Wear Your Pin With Pride!**



## The Overland Park Host Almanac . . .

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

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

Ken Collyard .....	President
Mae Claxton .....	Immediate Past President
Beverly Nichols .....	1st Vice President
(vacant) .....	2nd Vice President
(vacant) .....	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> ).....	District Governor Elect
Peggy Jacobson ( <i>Overland Park Noon</i> )	Vice District Governor Elect
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

For February, 2007

#### General Operating Account

##### Income:

50th Anniversary Account (all sources) .....	\$ 522.00
Meals .....	44.00
Membership dues .....	25.00
Social event .....	268.00
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$ 859.00</b>

##### Expenses:

Taxes .....	\$ 40.00
Dues (District and International) .....	1198.95
50th Anniversary expenses .....	177.36
Miscellaneous .....	112.11
Meeting room/meals .....	483.71
Social event expenses .....	271.23
<b>Total expenses .....</b>	<b>\$ 2106.00</b>
<b>Net Income .....</b>	<b>\$ (1247.00)</b>

#### Service Account

##### Income:

Flag sponsors .....	\$ 184.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 184.00</b>

##### Expenses:

Band Camp .....	\$ 50.00
CARES Service Dog School .....	500.00
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$ 550.00</b>
<b>Net income .....</b>	<b>\$ (366.00)</b>

For April 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](mailto: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., March 10 ... Regular meeting, Wyndham Garden, 7:00 a.m.  
 Sat., March 24 ... Regular meeting, Wyndham Garden, 7:00 a.m.  
 Sat., April 7 ..... Directors meeting, Mimi's Café, 7:00 a.m.  
 Sat., April 14 ..... Regular meeting, Wyndham Garden, 7:00 a.m.  
 Sat., April 28 ..... Regular meeting, Wyndham Garden, 7:00 a.m.  
 Fri., May 4, 2007 ..... **Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet**  
 Overland Park Convention Center

#### And later on . . .

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!  
 Sep. 6-8, 2007 .... **USA/Canada Forum, Grand Rapids, MI.**

#### Nominating Committee Submits 2007-2008 Slate

The Nominating Committee is presenting a preliminary report. Some positions, as indicated below, remain to be filled. But the following Lions have been nominated to serve as officers for 2007-2008 and have agreed to fill the respective positions if elected:

President .....	Mae Claxton
1st Vice President .....	Beverly Nichols
2nd Vice President .....	Bob Larson
3rd Vice President .....	Pat Gray
Immediate Past President .....	Ken Collyard
Secretary .....	Carole Collyard
Treasurer .....	Roger Claxton
Lion Tamer .....	(to be nominated later)
Tail Twister .....	Ron Bloome
Director, 2007-2010 .....	(to be nominated later)
Director, 2007-2010 .....	(to be nominated later)
Director, 2006-2009 .....	Paul Roerman
Director, 2006-2009 .....	Chuck Olsen
Director, 2005-2008 .....	Jack McLain
Director, 2005-2008 .....	Art Meganck
Membership Chairperson .....	Dottie Bloome
Membership Vice Chairperson .....	(to be nominated later)
Membership Committee Member ....	(to be nominated later)

A complete list of nominees should be ready by the meeting of March 10, but if not, it will be read at the club meeting on March 24. It will also be published in the April issue of the *Lions' Roar*

The election of officers will take place on April 14.

Big Lion Ken Collyard appointed Lions Mae Claxton, Grant Rogers, and Neal Nichols to serve on the Nominating Committee.



*Editorial Comment . . .*

## Setting the Record Straight About Our 50th-Anniversary Celebration

To my fellow Lions:

As I wrote in the October issue of *The Lions' Roar*, I'm reluctant to inject too much of my own personal activity or opinion into these pages. This month, however, I feel the need to clarify some issues that have clouded opinions about our forthcoming 50th-Anniversary Banquet. Let's clear the air and then all join in to have a wonderful celebration.

**Rumor:** We are paying Past International Director Dennis Tichenor \$2000 to be our speaker.

**Fact:** We are *not* paying PID Tichenor to speak. The 50th-Anniversary Planning Team budgeted \$2000 to provide for *travel and lodging expenses* for Lion Dennis and his wife, but not an honorarium. At this time, there is a strong possibility these expenses will be less than budgeted.

**Rumor:** A banquet ticket will cost \$50 per person.

**Fact:** The price per ticket is **\$25** per person (\$50 per *couple*).

**Rumor:** Other locations would be less expensive than the Overland Park Convention Center.

**Fact:** Food and beverage prices at the Convention Center are very competitive. Members of the Planning Team did survey several restaurants and meal prices were about the same as or higher than the Convention Center.

**In addition:**

**Fact:** The OPHLC Board of Directors voted unanimously at its May 6, 2006 meeting to hold the banquet at a new and different location. Several very strongly agreed that we should try to Convention Center. The original plan approved by the Board included a projected attendance of 250 persons. Later, some members had "second thoughts" when they learned that the Convention Center required a signed contract, a guarantee of \$6250 (based on \$25 per person), and a substantial initial deposit. Negotiations with the Convention Center resulted in a reduction of projected attendance to 125 and of the guarantee to \$3125. The deposit was reduced to \$1000.

**Fact:** No dues money has been spent thus far on any banquet-related expenses, including the deposit last summer. The Board in 2005 approved using Tail Twister fines and pin sales (conducted by Lion Ron Bloome) for the banquet fund. These items, plus income from July's garage sale easily provided for the initial deposit.

**Fact:** Attendance at the 49th-Anniversary Banquet at the Ritz-Charles in 2006 was very poor. There was concern that 125 would not attend the 50th. (Possible reasons for poor attendance in 2006 were the \$70-per-couple price; it was a Sunday-night event; not much advance notice; etc.) The Planning Team wrestled long and hard with this issue, but concluded that the "negatives" of last year would be offset by many "positives" this year.

**Fact:** Prices charged for anniversary banquets in the past were less than meal *cost* and the *difference was made up from the club' treasury*. The Planning Team made two decisions very early: (1) the price per ticket this year would be kept as low as possible, and (2) the 50th-Anniversary celebration would break even financially, that is, no subsidy for meals would be paid from *members' dues money*.

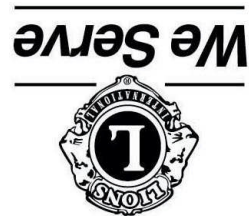
**Fact:** Meal prices include a 21% gratuity and 7.525% sales tax on both food and gratuity. (*Gratuity and tax are charged no matter where the banquet is held—Convention Center or elsewhere.*) Four entree choices are available this year, at prices of (a) \$29.86 for the vegetarian plate; (b) \$35.06 for chicken breast; (c) \$37.67 for salmon; and (d) \$40.27 for sautéed medallions of beef.

**Fact:** *You and your guest can choose any of these entrees for only \$25 each.* The difference is being made up by garage sales, last October's pasta supper and silent auction, and sales of raffle tickets. Raffle ticket sales are continuing and a garage sale is scheduled for April 20-21 (see page 2 for the announcement).

Fellow Lions, Lion Mae Claxton tried for almost a year to get someone to step up to lead the planning for our 50th. When no one did, and it was obvious that time would run out, I *very reluctantly* volunteered. It's been my great privilege to have nine other very dedicated and hard-working Lions on the Planning Team with me. They are wholeheartedly committed to making this celebration one that we all can thoroughly enjoy and long remember. Hours and hours of meeting time and labor have been expended on the journey thus far, and more lie ahead of us.

This has been a long and detailed report, but I hope it has shed new and fresh light on what has been a disappointingly controversial matter. Can we now close ranks and move forward together?

—Lion Neal Nichols  
Chair, 50th-Anniversary Planning Team



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