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# The Lions' Roar



Overland Park Host Lions Club  
Overland Park, Kansas

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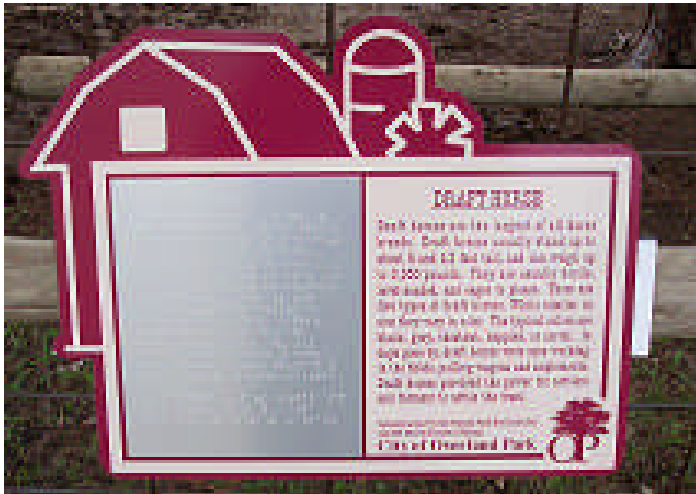
Our 50th Year

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Lionism's 90th Year

## Braille Signs, Audio Domes Provided by Overland Park Host Lions Club Give "Sight" to Visually Impaired Children at Deanna Rose Farmstead



Pictured above is one of 10 signs in Braille to help visually impaired or blind children "see" various exhibits. Lion Art Meganck spearheaded the effort to obtain the signs. The project took more than a year to complete.

Our club contributed \$1200 to have the signs produced.

The picture above does not clearly show the OPHLC name, but we are mentioned on each of the signs that has been installed.

Greg Rogers, son of Lion Grant Rogers, assisted in the project by reading the Braille message to ensure accuracy. Lion Bill Daugherty, superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind, also helped in making sure that the Braille language level used on the signs was appropriate for the children using them.

The ATT Telephone Pioneers organization donated \$600 and the City of Overland Park assisted with installation.

The Audio Domes enhance the listening experience for both sighted and visually impaired guests. The sound from the exhibit's loudspeaker is focused into just the area where visitors stand to listen. The design helps reduce or eliminate disturbance to guests at nearby exhibits.

The Braille signs and Audio Domes are placed in prominent locations throughout the farmstead and help show visitors how Overland Park Host Lions do their part to answer Helen Keller's call to be "Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness."

Public exposure to these projects is tremendous, not only to local residents and their children, but to out-of-towners as well. Recent reports say that the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead now draws more visitors annually than the Kansas City Zoo does!

See pictures of the Audio Domes on page 2.

Need something to do this month . . . ?

### Many Projects, Visitations Scheduled In April

#### Candy Days

Lion Janet Sanders-Reh announces that Candy Days will be held **this week-end** (Friday and Saturday, April 6, 7) in front of the Wal-Mart Store at 119th Street and Metcalf. If she hasn't yet contacted you, please call her to volunteer a couple of hours of your time. Her phone numbers are (home) 785-937-2413 and (cell) 913-223-5558.

#### Visitations: Your help is urgently needed!

Visitations are scheduled to the following Lions Clubs:

- Monday, April 9:..... Bonner Springs (meets at 7:00 p.m.)
- Tuesday, April 10 ..... Topeka Sunflower (meets at 6:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, April 11 ..... Olathe Noon (meets at 12:00 noon)
- Wednesday, April 11 ..... Gardner Pride Riders (see next page)
- Thursday, April 12 ..... Sabetha (meets at 6:45 p.m.)
- Monday, April 16 ..... Williamsburg (tentative, 7 p.m. meeting)
- Tuesday, April 17 ..... Wyandotte (meets at 6:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday, April 18 ..... Merriam-Shawnee (meets at 12 noon)
- Thursday, April 19 ..... Easton (meets at 7 p.m.)

The purpose of the visitations is to promote our 50th Anniversary Banquet and to sell raffle tickets. Raffle ticket sales have been very successful at visits to date. The personal contact with members of other clubs is important. The income from raffle tickets is what has enabled us to keep the banquet meal cost as low as it is.

Lions Neal and Beverly Nichols will be out of town the week of April 9-13 and unable to go on any of those visits or to coordinate transportation, etc. **Will someone please step up to the plate and help out on this?** Call the Nichols' at 642-7520 for details on how you can help out.

See page 2 of this issue for meeting locations and estimated travel time.

#### Flag Work Day

A work day to get ready for the coming Flag season will be held on Monday, April 16. Curb markings and corks will be painted along the entire route. Sleeves need to be replaced in the ground where they have been removed or damaged by construction projects or where new sponsors have been signed up.

Meet at the "body shop" (Newcomer's garage at 82nd and Metcalf) at 9:30 a.m. to get started. Lion Pat Gray is in charge of the project. See page 3 for the full 2007 Flag schedule.

And then . . . see Page 2 for important information about the April 20, 21 garage sale.



(Above) Another one of the Braille signs, this one posted beside an Audio Dome. (Opposite) An enlarged view of the sign that thanks OPHLC for providing the Audio Domes.

**Information for upcoming visitations:  
Meeting Places, Approximate Travel Time**

**Bonner Springs:** 7:00 p.m. Vaughn-Trent Community Center, 246 Shadyside. Meal cost: \$7. Make your own travel arrangement (sharing a ride, etc.) Allow time depending on where you start.

**Topeka Sunflower:** Anytime after 6 p.m. to eat; meeting starts at 7 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 1720 Wannamaker. Order from menu; add tax, tip. Allow one-and-a-half hours from most Johnson County spots.

**Olathe Noon:** We will send e-mail announcement on their location; it has changed from what is in District Directory.

**Gardner Pride Riders:** Conestoga Clubhouse, 1199 E. Santa Fe, Gardner. They have an informal business session; be there between 6:30 and 7:15 to promote anniversary and sell raffle tickets. Not a dinner meeting.

**Sabetha:** Buzz Café, 820 Main Street, 6:45 p.m. Allow two-and-a-half hours. If you go via St. Joseph, be very careful to observe 45-MPH or other posted speed limits through **Wathena, Kansas**. Speed traps. Topeka to US Hwy 75 to US 36 is another good route.

**Williamsburg:** Homewood Church Annex, 1795 Idaho Road, (use Eisenhower Road exit off I-35 near Ottawa). MapQuest it! 7:00 p.m. President is Louius Coppoc, 785-746-5730. Call in advance. This visit has not been confirmed. **No one on the 50th Anniversary Planning Team make this visitation. We have to meet that night. HELP!**

**Wyandotte:** Presbyterian Manor, 7850 Freeman, Kansas City, KS. 6:30 p.m. \$8 meal cost. Make your own travel arrangement (sharing a ride, etc.) Allow time depending on where you start.

**Merriam-Shawnee:** Denny's, 9001 Shawnee Mission Parkway, 12 noon. Order from menu; add tax, tip.

**Easton:** Methodist Church, 7 p.m. Allow one-and-a-half hours via I-435 to MO 45 to MO 92 to Leavenworth. Mapquest it. Don't have exact meal price but it's inexpensive.



### Spring Garage Sale To Be Held April 20, 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.

Just as important as donating is serving. If you can spend a little time on either of those days to help with the sale itself, please call Lion Mae to find out the best times for you to be there.

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

### Seen at the Community Blood Center, 105th and Metcalf

**WINNERS**  
are  
**too busy to be sad**  
**too positive to be doubtful**  
**too optimistic to be fearful**  
and  
**too determined to be defeated!**  
Think about it. Are we winners?

And speaking of the Community Blood Center, have YOU donated recently? Surveys show that most people don't donate simply because they aren't asked. Consider YOUR-SELF asked!

**Second Notice . . .****Officer Election To Be Held At April 14 Meeting**

The Nominating Committee is presenting its second report for 2007-2008 officers. Two positions, as indicated below, remain to be filled. 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 .....	Mark Jorgenson
Tail Twister .....	Ron Bloome
Director, 2007-2010 .....	Janet Sanders-Reh
Director, 2007-2010 .....	Grant Rogers
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)

The election of officers will take place at the regular meeting of April 14.

Lions Mae Claxton, Grant Rogers, and Neal Nichols comprised the Nominating Committee.

**Program Assignments: April 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.)

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.

**Informative Programs Scheduled for April & May**

**April 14:** Carl Cramer, Overland Park recreational supervisor, will be the guest speaker at our regular meeting of April 14. He will give us information about the new community center scheduled to open in old downtown Overland Park in the Fall.

**April 28:** Lion Diane Hentges, the "M" in the Kansas Lions state MERL team, will be guest speaker at our regular meeting of April 28. Lion Diane is state Membership chairperson. MERL is an acronym for "Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership," and part of the MERL team has a chairperson. Lion Diane will be accompanied to our meeting by her husband, District Governor Lion David Hentges.

**May 12:** Past District Governor Lion Bobby Duvall will be the guest speaker at our regular meeting of May 12. Lion Bobby is an area coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II and CSF II will be, as you might guess, the topic of his presentation. He is a member of the Topeka Sunflower Lions Club.

Programs for May 26, June 9 and June 23 are not yet booked, although one of the June meetings will probably be installation of new officers.

**News and Notes**

Welcome to new Lions Mark Jorgensen and Heather Ralph. Both come from Lions families. Lion Mark is the son of George Jorgensen, Jr., secretary and a long-time member of the Troy Lions Club. Lion Heather is granddaughter of Lions Neal and Beverly Nichols. A formal induction ceremony for these two new Lions will be scheduled soon.

In case you missed it, the fiftieth anniversary of the Overland Park Host Lions Club was noted in the March, 2007 issue of the *Lion* magazine. See page 51.

Congratulations to Lion Grant Rogers on the fine job he did in editing and publishing our latest club directory.

**Our Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration . . .****It's Getting Closer, Fellow Lions!****Have YOU Made YOUR Reservations Yet?****Friday, May 4, 2007****Overland Park Convention Center****Social Hour at 6 p.m.****Seating for dinner begins at 6:30****Featured Speaker****Past International Director Dennis Tichenor****"A Lion's Lion"****Special Guests:****Past International President****Dr. William H. "Bill" Wunder and wife Dorothy****"Kansas's Own"****It will be an Awards Night, too!****Send your reservation to Lion Roger Claxton, Treasurer,  
10404 Nieman Road, Overland Park, KS 66214****Reservation Deadline is Friday April 20.**



## 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 (Turner) .....	District Governor
Neal Nichols (Overland Park Host) .....	District Governor Elect
Peggy Jacobson (Overland Park Noon) .....	Vice District Governor Elect
Richard Barnes (Shawnee) .....	Secretary
Rick Dodson (Lansing) .....	Treasurer
Bernard Lee (Scranton) .....	Immediate Past District Governor

For May 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., 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 .....	<b>Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet</b> Overland Park Convention Center

Reservations are due to Treasurer Roger Claxton by April 20!

### 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.

**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. Your contribution will help our club reach its goal of being a Lions International "Model Club."**

### Treasurer's Report – General Account

July 1, 2006 through April 4, 2007

#### Income

<b>50th Anniversary Account</b>	
50th Anniversary Dinner Tickets .....	995.00
Auction Income .....	1,076.45
Garage Sale Income .....	1,982.24
Pasta Dinner Income .....	732.00
Pen Sales .....	10.00
Pin Sales .....	86.00
Raffle Ticket Income .....	783.00
Tail Twister .....	462.25
<b>Total 50th Anniversary Account .....</b>	<b>6,126.94</b>
Christmas Breakfast .....	319.00
Meals .....	5,052.69
Membership Dues .....	3,582.31
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	
Name Tag Income .....	7.00
Miscellaneous Income - Other .....	50.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous Income .....</b>	<b>57.00</b>
Social Event .....	268.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>15,405.94</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Taxes .....	40.00
<b>50th Anniversary Expense</b>	
50th Anniversary Miscellaneous 783.81	
Garage Sale Expense 105.00	
Pasta Dinner Expense 352.22	
Pin Expense 729.00	
50th Anniversary Expense - Other 494.36	
<b>Total 50th Anniversary Expense 2,464.39</b>	
Bank Service Charges .....	20.50
<b>Club Supplies</b>	
<b>Operating Supplies</b>	
Printing and Reproduction .....	115.16
Web Site .....	35.00
Database Management .....	30.00
<b>Total Operating Supplies .....</b>	<b>180.16</b>
Club Supplies - Other .....	275.79
<b>Total Club Supplies .....</b>	<b>455.95</b>
Directory .....	47.80
Disaster First Response .....	9.76
<b>Dues</b>	
District 17-K7 Dues .....	710.40
LCI Semi-Annual Per Capita Dues .....	1,803.75
<b>Total Dues .....</b>	<b>2,514.15</b>
Engraving .....	49.61
Flag Expense .....	2.38
Magazine Subscription .....	12.00
Member Care Committee (Concerns) .....	2.68
Miscellaneous .....	1,162.11
OPHLC Endowment Fund .....	500.00
Room and Meal Expense for Meetings .....	5,061.62
Santa .....	50.00
Social Event Expense .....	271.23
<b>Total Expense .....</b>	<b>12,893.54</b>
<b>Net Income .....</b>	<b>2,512.40</b>

### 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! Past International Director Ed McCormick of Kansas is general chairman for 2007.

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

For **April**: bring a travel-size tube of toothpaste.

Tail Twister Lion Ron Bloome will gently remind you, should you forget. And it's still not too late to contribute if you haven't done so.

This year-long project includes 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.

**Treasurer's Report - Service fund**  
July 1, 2006 through April 4, 2007

<u>Income</u>	
Candy Day Income .....	1,389.27
Contributions Income .....	1,000.00
Discount Home Shoppers Club .....	5.39
Flag Income .....	8,906.06
Golf Tournament Receipts .....	120.00
HyVee Fundraiser Income .....	175.00
Overland Park Days .....	4,092.77
Reimbursed Expenses .....	-44.25
Kansas Lion Neckties .....	132.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>15,776.24</b>
<u>Expense</u>	
Bank Service Charges .....	20.50
Candy Day Expense .....	300.00
<b>Office Supplies</b>	
Postage and Delivery .....	39.00
Printing and Reproduction .....	73.40
Total Office Supplies .....	112.40
Overland Park Days Expense .....	1,231.57
<b>Service Fund Disbursements</b>	
Accessible Arts .....	250.00
Band Camp .....	50.00
CARES Service Dog School .....	500.00
Deanna Rose Garden Project .....	365.20
Eyeglasses for Indigent Persons .....	665.00
Total Service Fund Disbursements .....	1,830.20
<b>Total Expense .....</b>	<b>3,494.67</b>
<b>Net Income .....</b>	<b>12,281.57</b>

**Creative Efforts Earn Funds for OPHLC**

As reported in last month's *Roar*, several of our talented lady Lions created prize-winning table-decoration centerpieces and theme baskets for the District K7 Convention held in Kansas City, Kansas on March 2 and 3.



Lions Dottie Bloome and Mae Claxton are shown above, happily finishing up the centerpiece that won first prize in voting by delegates. They nicknamed it "The Lion That Roared." A toy lion in the centerpiece "sang" the popular movie tune, "In the Jungle."

Others working on the project but not pictured were Lions Carole Collyard and Beverly Nichols.

This team also put together four other centerpieces. They created seven "theme baskets" that were raffled at the convention. The winning centerpiece won a \$50 cash prize for our club. Proceeds from the raffle of the theme baskets netted in excess of another \$200 to be sent directly to Campaign SightFirst II in the name of the Overland Park Host Lions Club. The team expresses its sincere appreciation to all our members who contributed materials to go into the theme baskets.

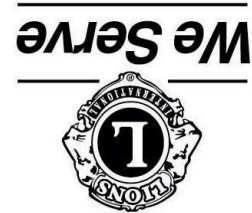
**Stark(s) Reality**  
by Lion Ben Starks

As I seem to recall, per my failing memory, there is a time-worn homily that goes something like this: "I cried because I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet." How very often do we get to feeling sorry for ourselves? Then lo! suddenly reality slaps us up the side of our head and we discover that on the balance beam of life, we are generally on the plus side. How often do we allow a temporary setback to claim our attention, cloud our vision, and give us a totally false perspective?

When we are feeling low, that's the time to be looking up. Behold the magnitude and the majesty of the heavens. The ever-changing picturesque panorama of the procession of clouds as they parade across the azure sky. The stabilizing routine of the sun, moon and stars that speak to us of continuity. Although the only constant is change, there is still very much a continuum in nature.

Then there is the dull sameness of the changing of the seasons. You know, the ho hum of summer, fall, winter, spring. So utter lacking in spontaneity. Just more of the same-o, same-o.

But wait! Did I say "DULL"? Have you perchance noticed the spectacular scenery that old Mother Nature just happened to dream up? The flowering trees and shrubs are magnificent. And flowers—such as tulips and pansies—lend their Easter finery to the colorful schematic. I guess what I'm trying to say was much better said by the ancient prophet Micah when he wrote, "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"



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*Mark Your Calendars Now . . .*

### **2007 Metcalf Avenue of Flags Schedule**

- Saturday, May 19 ..... Armed Forces Day
- Monday, May 28 ..... Memorial Day
- Thursday, June 14 ..... Flag Day
- Wednesday, July 4 ..... Independence Day
- Monday, September 3 ..... Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 11 ..... Patriot Day
- Monday, October 8 ..... 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.