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September 2008

The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club

Overland Park, Kansas

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WE SERVE



PDG Ted Hutchcraft, left (Highland Lions Club), proudly displays a check for \$7,000 presented by OPHLC Treasurer Roger Claxton and Big Lion Beverly Nichols on August 9. PDG Ted is a District 17-O representative to the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation. The check represents our club's contribution to the KU Medical Center's Ophthalmology Department, the Mobile Screening Unit (MSU, commonly referred to as "Sight Bus"), and the Claude DeVorsis Fellowship fund.

August Meetings Feature Outstanding Programs; September 13 Promises Another Good One!

Doug Brown, Director of Public Works for the City of Overland Park, was guest speaker on August 9. He described long-range and short-term plans for major changes in Overland Park. In the long-range planning area, he discussed an overview of Vision Metcalf. The short-term plans included infrastructure improvements, such as roads and sidewalks. His program included a PowerPoint presentation.

Cliff Franklin of Lawrence spoke on August 23. Recently returned from the Republic of Georgia, he described his narrow escape from Georgia during the hostilities between Georgian and Russian troops.

Cliff had been in the Republic of Georgia as a volunteer serving at a camp for diabetic children near Tbilisi. The camp is sponsored in part by the only Lions Clubs in Georgia and Lions Clubs in the United States, particularly the 20-20 Lions of Columbia, Missouri.

On **September 13**, our speaker will be **Frank Curtis**, a professor of voice at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. His topic will be special music programs he has instituted at the University. Dr. Curtis and his wife own an assisted-living facility in Shawnee. **Lion Ken Collyard** has arranged the program.

At the same meeting, we will present \$3,000 to the Kansas State School for the Blind (\$1,000 for the Assistive Technology Library and \$2,000 for the Industrial Arts program for new and safer power tools).

KSSB Superintendent **Lion Madeleine Burkindine** will be present to accept the contribution.

Looking for something to do . . . ?

A Full Activity Schedule For September!

Does it seem like the month of March? You know, "Comes in like a *Lion* . . ." September started that way on the first day of the month for the Overland Park Host Lions Club and the pace won't let up until the end of the month!

Labor Day (September 1) saw another successful Flag-raising effort along our "Metcalf Avenue of Flags."

Next up is a garage sale on Friday and Saturday (the



5th and 6th) at the home of Lions Ken and Carole Collyard, 7015 Red Oak Court in Shawnee. Sale activity will begin at 8:00 a.m. on both days. **Plenty of help is needed** for this almost "impromptu" event. Please contact Lion Carole (913-

631-6784 or 913-238-0209) if you can volunteer for even a few hours either day. This sale was scheduled after Lion Ben Starks donated lots of dishware, glasses, linens, etc, as he moved out of his home on Caenen Lake Court to live with his daughter.

Also on September 6 is the monthly **Board of Directors meeting**. The meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Mimi's Café at Oak Park Mall.

Patriot Day (Thursday, September 11) is another Flag day along Metcalf. If you've already signed up, *please* fulfill your commitment. Some of the friends and neighbors (and the Boy Scouts) who come out on more-traditional holidays might not be able to help because of work or school schedules on a Thursday. If you haven't signed up, but can help, please call Lion Pat Gray (913-663-3502) or Lion Art Meganck (913-648-0765) so they can put you on the list!



Regular meeting day on Saturday, September 13. Another outstanding program is on tap (see article in column at left).

Downtown Overland Park Festival (Saturday, September 27) is another chance to step out into the public spotlight. Again, MUCH help is needed. (Our regular meeting for that day is cancelled so that we can be at the Overland Park Commons in the early morning for last-minute preparations.) Lion Art Meganck, chairman, will also need help on Friday afternoon so that much of the set-up work can be done then. Li



Stark(s') Reality

The past couple of weeks have been pretty hectic, what with the disposing of furniture and clothing and sorting through 80-plus years of accumulated knick-knacks, keepsakes, and personal treasures. What to keep and what to discard is the abiding question of the moment.

Now my daughter and I must sort through the accumulation of two separate households and try to find space for it all to fit, as well as to be able to find it again. We also have the daunting task of meshing two lives that are widely diversified, without creating too many stumbling blocks or causing undue hardship for either party. Fortunately, we are both reasonably adaptable to change, and that seems to be the constant in our lives today.

Not only am I relocating, but I'm also in the process of re-evaluating and re-directing. (So the RE's have it!) I've opted to volunteer to work at the hospital one afternoon a week, and I'll probably go back to working part-time at Penney's, plus get involved in some physical activities at the Community Center, as well as leave some time for the American Legion, Lions Club, and Shrine. My church offers many varied opportunities for service and fellowship, which I will assuredly fit into my schedule. Life is a precious from God, and I plan to pay homage to Him by being of service to my fellow travelers here on this third rock from the Sun. Now that I'm almost settled in, I plan to re-instate (that RE again!) my early morning constitutional (what a big word for "walk") and open my eyes, mind and heart to the majesty of the natural world, which we often ignore or pay "no nevermind." When was the last time you looked at the clouds, noticed a rainbow or heard a bird's song? I plan not to take anything for granted, but look for the treasure hidden deep inside. God grant me the insight to see and understand this plan.



The Big Lion's Message for September

The August *Lions' Roar* described some of the "Everyday Heroes" in our club. On Labor Day I witnessed a whole crew of these heroes—too numerous to mention individually—as they raised and lowered Flags on Metcalf Avenue. In addition to members of our club this group of heroes included Boy Scouts and friends and neighbors of individual Lions. Another club activity well done!

And speaking of friends and neighbors . . . what friend or neighbor might you invite to join us at a meeting or participate in a club activity? The best way to get a new member is simple: *just ask!*

Kansas Lions' Mid-Winter Rally Coming Up In January

Kansas Lions' annual Mid-Winter Rally (MWR) will be held in Salina on January 16-18. The third State Council meeting will be held on the 18th in conjunction with the Rally.

As one feature of the MWR, Big Lion Beverly Nichols will demonstrate the "Lions Bingo" game she created for our club's Membership and Orientation night on August 9.



Big Lion Beverly obviously enjoyed handing guest speaker Cliff Franklin our club's traditional Lion paperweight gift after his August 23 presentation about the camp for diabetic children in the Republic of Georgia.

Lions Clubs International Begins "Re-Branding"; New Logo is One of the First Steps

A new logo for LCI is featured in the September issue of the *Lion* magazine (see pages 14 and 19). It is a "refreshed" version of the pin/logo most of us have known since we first became Lions.

From the magazine (page 15): [LCI] is embarking on a new "brand renewal" project. At the end of the day, it's what Lions do that matters. But brand renewal will help us talk about what, why and how so that everyone will sit up and listen to us roar.

September Board Meeting Notes Delayed Until Next Issue; October Lions' Roar to be published on September 25

- Ye Olde Editor will be out of town from September 5 through September 10. Having a timely *Lions' Roar* for September required distribution before the September 6 Board meeting. Notes from that meeting will be included in the October issue.
- Big Lion Beverly and Ye Olde Editor will be traveling to and from the USA/Canada Forum in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Canada from September 14 through September 23 and will be on a vacation trip from September 26 through October 15.
- The October *Lions' Roar* will be published on September 24 or 25. It will probably be an abbreviated edition with only essential announcements due to limited preparation time.
- Notes from the October Board meeting will be included in the November issue.

Program reminders:

Lions Roger Claxton and **Chris Claxton** are responsible for the program on **October 11**. **Lions Ron and Dottie Bloome** are responsible for the program on October 25. If these Lions have programs lined up before September 23, please call or e-mail Ye Olde Editor (913-642-7520 or taximath@aol.com) with details so the information can go into the October *Roar*.

Wear Your Pin With Pride!



The Overland Park Host Almanac . . .

(Stuff you really ought to know!)

2008-2009 Officers and Board of Directors

Beverly Nichols	President
Bob Larson	1st Vice President
Pat Gray	2nd Vice President
Neal Nichols	3rd Vice President
Carole Collyard	Secretary
Roger Claxton	Treasurer
Mae Claxton	Immediate Past President
Art Meganck	Lion Tamer
Ron Bloome	Tail Twister
Edson Parker	Director, 2006-2009
Paul Roemerman	Director, 2006-2009
Janet Reh	Director, 2007-2010
Grant Rogers	Director, 2007-2010
Dottie Bloome	Director, 2008-2011
Ben Starks	Director, 2008-2011
Ken Collyard	Membership Committee Chair
Heather Lanigan	Membership Committee Vice-Chair
Grant Rogers	Membership Committee Member

Condensed Treasurer's Reports

(August 2008)

GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT (Administrative Funds)

Income:	
Meals	\$ 540.00
Membership dues	350.00
Tail Twister	32.00
Total Income	\$ 922.00
Expenses:	
Club operating supplies	\$ 53.36
Kansas License Fee	40.00
Meals and meeting Room	464.99
Social Event Expense	50.00
Total Expenses	638.35
Net Income	\$ 283.65

SERVICE ACCOUNT (Projects and Charitable Funds)

Expenses:	
Flag Expense	\$ 5.26
Overland Park Day Expense	10.00
President's Discretionary Fund	122.50
Service Fund Disbursements	
Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF):	
Audio-Reader Satellite Uplink	1,000.00
Candy Day, KU Equipment	3,000.00
Claude DeVors Fellowship	1,000.00
Mobile Screening Unit Maint.	2,000.00
Total KLSF	7,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 7,137.76
Net income	(\$ -7,137.76)

District 17-O (formerly 17-K7) Officers

Peggy Jacobson (Overland Park Noon)	District Governor
Susan McDonald (Auburn)	Vice District Governor
Marjean Neve (Lansing)	Secretary
Rick Dodson (Lansing)	Treasurer
Neal Nichols (OP Host)	Immediate Past District Governor
Richard Barnes (Shawnee)	RMA (Membership Advisor), Region 4
Mike Klein (Leawood)	Zone Chair, Region 4, Zone 2

Our International President, 2008-2009

Al Brandel (West Hempstead Lions Club, New York)



"Lions are Everyday Heroes Performing Miracles Through Service"

Calendar of Activities

September

- September 5 & 6 Garage Sale at Collyard's home
- September 6: Board of Directors meeting
- September 11: Metcalf Avenue of Flags (*Patriot Day*)
- September 18-20 USA/Canada Forum, Saskatoon, SK
- September 13 Regular Club Meeting
- September 27 Downtown Overland Park Day
(No Regular Club Meeting)

October

- October 4 Board of Directors meeting
- October 11 Regular Club meeting
- October 13 Metcalf Avenue of Flags (*Columbus Day*)
(Tentative, pending September 6 Board action)
- October 17 Candy Day
- October 25 Regular Club meeting

November

- November 1 Board of Directors meeting
- November 8 Regular Club meeting
- November 8 District 17-O Cabinet meeting, Lawrence
- November 11 Metcalf Avenue of Flags (*Veterans Day*)
- November 22 Regular Club meeting

December

- December 6 Board of Directors meeting
- December 13 Regular Club meeting
(*"Breakfast With Santa" family affair*)
- December 27 NO REGULAR CLUB MEETING

Kansas State Lions (Multiple District 17) News

- Redistricting is now complete. The seven districts in existence since 1995 are now five—17-L, 17-I, 17-O, 17-N, and 17-S. *Overland Park Host Lions are in 17-O.*
- The MD-17 Public Relations Committee has announced rules for this year's local club newsletter contest. The information in the shaded box is required by the rules. We plan to enter the OPHLC *Lions' Roar* in the contest this year. **PDG Denny Smith** of Ulysses, KS is committee chair and our own **Lion Beverly Nichols** is a committee member.

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2008 "Metcalf Avenue of Flags": Remaining Schedule

September 11: Patriot Day
October 13: Columbus Day
November 11: Veterans Day

"Take Pride. We Do."