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The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas
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Program Notes . . .

DOWNTOWN OVERLAND PARK WORK DAY TO REPLACE REGULAR SEPTEMBER 27 MEETING



Lions Club Branch.)

The annual fall festival sponsored by the Downtown Overland Park business association returns this Saturday, September 27. Our club once again will sell hot dogs, bratwursts, soda, water, and popcorn. (The popcorn sales will be handled by the new Kansas City Kansas

Lion Art Meganck is overall chairperson of our activities. If you have not yet signed up but can help, call Lion Art at 648-0765 to let him know you're available.

Set-up will begin Friday afternoon and early-morning sales of coffee to other vendors will begin at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday. Please be there to help out!

No matter what other work you might do on Friday or Saturday, another way to be of REAL help is to be at the booth at about 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. to help with the tearing down and moving of all supplies and equipment.

September 13 Program Features "Love in the Afternoon," And Other Information About "The Fine Arts Institute"

Frank Curtis, who with his wife Phyllis, is a founder of The Fine Arts Institute, was guest speaker on September 13. Two major objectives of the Fine Arts Institute, he said, are to provide quality entertainment to the senior population through the performance of music reflective of their era and to bridge the generation gap by introducing young singers to music that is timeless.



One special program of the Fine Arts Institute is "Love in the Afternoon," a series of programs that include luncheons and a variety of music that appeals to members of the "greatest generation."

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis are also co-owners of Shawnee Heartland Assisted Living Center on Midland Drive.



The Month's Activities in Review . . .

September 5-6 Garage Sale Nets \$944 for CSF II; "Model Club" Pledge of \$16,000+ Nearly Reached

The garage sale held earlier this month at the home of Lions Ken and Carole Collyard earned \$944 that will be contributed to LCIF and Campaign SightFirst II. By the end of this Lions service year, including budgeted amounts yet to be given to LCIF, OPHLC's "Model Club" pledge of approximately \$16,000 will be completely met—about two years in advance of the final due date!



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.

More Activity in Review . . .

Patriot Day Flag Raising/Lowering Washed Out!

Rain greeted us on **Patriot Day** (Thursday, September 11) to force cancellation of a scheduled Flag day. The next Flag day for us will be **Columbus Day** on Monday, **October 13**. The last Flag day will be on Tuesday, November 11, Veterans Day.



Board Meeting Notes

(September 6 meeting at Mimi's Café, Oak Park)

1. Approved a special recognition to be awarded when appropriate materials are received.
2. Voted to submit a membership application to the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce. It is hoped that Chamber membership will enable OP Host Lions to increase the club's visibility, gain new members, and solicit help on projects (such as Metcalf Avenue of Flags).
3. Approved a Flag schedule for 2009 with six flag days rather than eight. Dates that will not be included in 2009 are Patriot Day and Columbus Day.
4. Confirmed Friday, October 17 as the fall Candy Day (previously announced in the September *Roar* only as tentative).
5. Finalized an Action Plan for achieving the previously approved Club Goals for 2008-09.

← Big Lion Beverly presents the speaker's memento (a Lions paperweight) to Frank Curtis at the September 13 meeting.



Q: Why did the International Association of Lions Clubs adopt a Code of Ethics in 1917? (Find the "A" on another page of this newsletter.)

The Big Lion's Message for September

By Beverly Nichols, President

• It's a long way to **Saskatoon**, Saskatchewan and back, but the **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum** was worth every minute of the 2,500 mile round trip. Three Overland Park Host Lions—Neal and Beverly Nichols and Edson Parker—were among 28 Kansans at the September 18-20 event. Ten other Lions from District 17-O attended. Our District had almost as many at the Forum as the rest of the state combined! We all brought back ideas for fund raisers, service projects, and general leadership tips that will strengthen our clubs.

• In Saskatoon, the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors picked **Overland Park** as the site of the **2013 USA/Canada Forum**. The third time's the charm! In the past two years, Overland Park submitted bids for the 2011 and 2012 Forums but other cities were selected. This year's successful bid for the Forum was the result of joint efforts between past international directors—led by PID Gene Vogel—and the Overland Park Convention and Visitors Bureau. Members of all local clubs, as well as Lions from across the state of Kansas, will have the opportunity to be involved in planning and preparation for this big event.

• As this newsletter goes to press I want to recognize in advance all the Everyday Heroes who will be working at the club booth during the Overland Park Fall Festival this week-end (September 27). The Super Hero of the day is Lion Art Meganck, who has led the planning and preparation. Thanks, Art!



Big Lion Beverly (right) presents two OPHLC checks totaling \$3,000 to **Lion Madeleine Burkindine**, superintendent of the Kansas School for the Blind, at the regular meeting of September 13. \$1000 was a contribution to the Assistive Technology Library at KSSB and the remainder was to help purchase specialized power tools equipment for the Industrial Arts shop program at the school.

Lion Ben Starks' "Stark(s) Reality" will resume in the November Roar.

Program reminders

1st Vice President Bob Larson will preside at the Board meeting on October 4 and at the regular club meeting on October 11. Big Lion Beverly and Neal Nichols will be out of town on a vacation trip from September 26 through October 15.

Lions Roger Claxton and **Chris Claxton** are responsible for the program on **October 11**. Details for this meeting had not been worked out by the time the *Roar* had to be sent out.



Lions Ron and Dottie Bloome are planning the program on October 25. **Mr. Jason Beske**, affiliated with the **Vision Metcalf** planning, is scheduled to be guest speaker. This presentation on plans for the future of Metcalf Avenue in Overland Park promises to be informative and interesting.

For **November 8** **Lions Carole Collyard** and **Jack McLain** are responsible and **Pat Gray** is responsible for providing the **November 22** program. Please provide information about the programs to Ye Olde Editor by November 3.



Shutterbugs, Take Note



Are you a photographer? Do you have a love for taking pictures of the beauty of nature found all around us? Then the Lions Environmental Photo

Contest is for you! It's a contest for illustrating the beauty of nature through photography.

Submit a photo to our club-level contest (more details will be forthcoming). One photo per club advances to the district, state, and international competitions.

The picture above is featured on the front cover of the 2009 Lions Environmental Photo Contest Calendar., USA. The scene is from the northeastern part of Arizona. The photographer is John F. Dunn of the Prescott (Arizona) Noon Lions Club. The picture is

Finalists are displayed at the International Convention. Additional information about the international contest are at: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/environment_photo_contest.shtml

An Almanac of Essential Information for Lions . . .

(Stuff you really ought to know!)

Calendar of Activities

September

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)
 October 17 Candy Day
 October 25 Regular Club meeting
 October 24-26 ... Kansas Lions State Council meeting, McPherson

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

Special Note

Condensed Treasurer's Reports for September Will be published in the October Roar.

2008-2009 Overland Park Host Officers and 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 Roerman	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

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"

A: In 1917, the United States was still pretty-much a nation of immigrants. Newcomers were not familiar with American customs and culture and feared they might be taken advantage of in business affairs. They understood that doctors honored the provisions of the ancient Hippocratic Oath and lawyers practiced under a Canon of Ethics, but in the world of business there was no such code. Lions Club members were generally all business or professional men. By posting the Lions Code of Ethics in their stores or offices, they gave their customers assurance of fair and honest treatment. (From "A History of Lionism" seminar at the USA/Canada Forum, Saskatoon.)

Lions Code of Ethics

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts of my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

Our Club's Goals for 2008-09

(Approved by the Board of Directors)

- Increase membership by 10% (four new members).
- Establish stronger relationships with the Shawnee Mission School District and parochial schools, specifically with schools that lie within Overland Park.
- Revitalize the Club's visitation program.

Kansas State Lions (Multiple District 17) News

Approximately 45 Lions from throughout Kansas attended a special planning meeting in Clearwater (near Wichita) on September 6. They focused on ways to increase membership in existing clubs and through establishing new clubs. PDG Neal Nichols of the OPHLC is state Extension Chairman on the MERL Team.

Information about Lions International

Around the World in 80 Days Words

- Log on to www.lionsclubs.org for a wealth of information about your Association. Discover opportunities for personal growth and leadership-training available online.
- Plan now to attend the **International Convention** in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 5-10, 2009. Registration forms available online.
- What's a MERL Team? Four committees at both state and District levels: Membership, Extension, Retention, and Leadership. They have the responsibility to provide guidance to club officers and committee chairpersons in order to ensure strong, vibrant clubs and programs.

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2008 "Metcalf Avenue of Flags": Remaining Schedule

October 13: Columbus Day

November 11: Veterans Day

"Take Pride. We Do."