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November 2008

# The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club  
Overland Park, Kansas  
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## Special Report . . .

### LION JANETTE REH VISITS LEADER DOGS SCHOOL AT ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN

On September 13 I, along with other Lions from Kansas and across the country, was the guest of *Leader Dogs for the Blind* in Rochester, Michigan. I represented both our club and the Lions of 17-O as the Service Dog Chairperson for the district.

During our tour of the facilities we were able to get a glimpse of all aspects of the program, including the housing and training facilities for both the service dogs and the individuals who come to Rochester to be recipients of the dogs. The process of selecting dogs and placing them with individuals was explained to us, and we had the opportunity to visit with people who had received service dogs and hear about the terrific difference the dogs had made in their lives.

*Leader Dogs for the Blind* is in its 70th year of providing service dogs for both blind and deaf-blind persons. The Leader Dog Program is a free program for qualifying individuals, but the cost for providing services is not cheap. The value of a trained service dog can be as high as \$35,000.



Modern technology devices such as Global Positioning Systems (GPS) with adaptations that assist with orientation and mobility cost between \$1,000 and \$2,000, depending on the specific device. These GPS systems have enabled blind individuals to be far more independent and mobile than when the blind had to rely solely on white canes.

This year the Overland Park Host Lions Club has included *Leader Dogs for the Blind* in the service budget. Treasurer Roger Claxton recently sent a \$500 check to Leader Dogs. In recognition of this donation, an inscribed brick will added to the Lions Clubs Brick Plaza at the Leader Dogs campus in Rochester.

*Lion Janette Reh*

*See Page 2 for a note about the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce!*

**Q: WHO AM I?** It amuses me to think that your organization spends so much time looking for new members—when I was there all the time! Do you remember me?

I'm the person who was asked to join. I paid my dues and I was asked to be a loyal and faithful member.

I'm the person who came to every meeting, but nobody paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly but everyone seemed to have their own friends to talk to and sit with. I sat down among some unfamiliar faces several times but they didn't pay much attention to me.

I hoped somebody would ask me to join one of the committees or to somehow participate and contribute—but no one did.

Finally because of illness I missed a meeting. The next month no one asked where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much whether I was there or not. On the next meeting date I decided to stay home and watch a good television program. When I attended the next meeting no one asked me where I was the month before.

You might say that I'm a good person, a good family person, that I hold a responsible job and love my community.

You know who else I am? (*Find the "A" on another page of this newsletter.*)

## Program Notes . . .

### NOVEMBER 8 MEETING TO FEATURE "WHAT'S HAPPENING ON WALL STREET"?

Chris Johnson from Stifel Nicholas will be our speaker at Saturday's meeting. His topic will be "What's Happening on Wall Street".

Coming as it does in the midst of our country's economic turmoil, this program should be of great interest to our members. Be sure to attend.

Do you have friends or neighbors who might be interested in Lions Club membership? Invite them to Saturday's meeting to hear Mr. Johnson's discussion of this timely subject.

Hats off, a big thank-you, and a hearty round of applause to Lion Carole Collyard who arranged the program.

Another big reason to attend the meeting is to help honor *Lion Ben Starks*, a member since 1959, who will receive a Life Membership in Lions Clubs International. The Board of Directors approved this award in recognition of Lion Ben's nearly-50 years of service to the cause of Lionism and his work in the Overland Park Host Lions Club. [*Note: Life Membership is only in LCI, not Overland Park Host or Kansas State Lions.*]

In addition, representatives of Boy Scout Troop 425 will be present to receive a financial contribution in appreciation for their assistance in our Flag project..

### Board of Directors Notes

**Meeting of October 4 (summary of Official Minutes):** (1) First Vice President Bob Larson has been attending Overland Park Chamber of Commerce events and encourages other Host Lions to attend. (2) Downtown Overland Park Day was a huge success. Several non-members helped and Chairman Art Meganck sent thank-you notes to them. One problem was icing down the soda pop and rotating it. Perhaps more containers next year would help. (3) Visitations to Olathe Noon on October 9 and Leawood pancake feed on October 17 are scheduled. (4) We help with Salvation Army Bell Ringing on Saturday, December 20. Locations will be Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, and Hy-Vee. (5) The Third Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be March 28, 2009 at the Overland Park Christian Church, 75th and Lowell. (6) Miscellaneous items were discussed, including methods for recognizing Flag program sponsors, Flag sponsor invoices and payments, Membership Committee meeting, Candy Day on October 17, and Kansas Lions State Band applications.

**Meeting of November 1 (unofficial notes):** (1) Membership Committee meeting, November 22 after regular Club meeting; (2) Visitations scheduled for Overland Park Noon [November 6] and Turner [November 17]; (3) Peace Poster Contest winner must be chosen by November 15 [Lion Carole Collyard is working on that]; (4) Donation of \$500 made to Leader Dogs for the Blind School [see Janette Reh's article, next column]; (5) District Cabinet meeting to be in Lawrence on November 8; (6) Discussion of delinquent dues and how to get them collected.

### Thanks and A Reminder

**Thanks to Lions Ron and Dottie Bloome for providing the program on October 25.**

**Thanks to Lion Grant Rogers for the fine job in getting out our 2008-2009 club directories.**

**For November 22 Lion Pat Gray is responsible for the program.**

# An Almanac of Essential Information for Lions . . .

(Stuff you really ought to know!)

**We Meet On Second and Fourth Saturdays  
at the Wyndham Garden Hotel  
on 107th Street (near I-435 and Metcalf Avenue)  
Overland Park, Kansas  
Breakfast and Fellowship Time, 7:15-7:45 a.m.  
Meeting Time, 7:45 – 9:00 a.m.**

### Calendar of Activities

#### November

- November 6 ..... Visitation to Overland Park Noon Lions Club
- November 8 ..... Regular Club meeting
- November 8 ..... District 17-O Cabinet meeting, Lawrence
- November 11 ..... Metcalf Avenue of Flags (*Veterans Day*)
- November 17 ..... Visitation to Turner Lions Club
- November 22 ..... Regular Club meeting

#### December

- December 6 ..... Board of Directors meeting
- December 13 ..... Regular Club meeting  
(*"Breakfast With Santa" family affair*)
- December 20 ..... Salvation Army Bell Ringing  
*Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee*
- December 27 ..... NO REGULAR CLUB MEETING

### Condensed Treasurer's Reports

(October 2008)

#### GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT (*Administrative Funds*)

##### Income:

Meals .....	\$ 264.00
Membership dues .....	150.00
Tail Twister .....	53.80
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 467.80</b>

\*Transfer of funds between accounts

##### Expenses:

Meals and meeting Room .....	419.44
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>419.44</b>
<b>Net Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 48.36</b>

#### SERVICE ACCOUNT (*Projects and Charitable Funds*)

##### Income:

Candy Day Income .....	\$ 567.67
Metcalf Avenue of Flags .....	4,109.00
Campaign SightFirst II .....	21.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,697.67</b>

##### Expenses:

Eyeglasses for Indigents ....	\$ 400.00
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>400.00</b>
<b>Net income .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,297.67</b>

#### 2008-2009 Overland Park Host Officers and Directors

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

#### District 17-O (formerly 17-K7) Officers

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

### Lions Clubs International Purposes

**TO CREATE** and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

**TO PROMOTE** the principles of good government and good citizenship.

**TO TAKE** an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

**TO UNITE** the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

**TO PROVIDE** a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest, provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

**TO ENCOURAGE** service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, profession, public works and private endeavors.

### Did you know . . . ?

The Overland Park Host Lions Club is now a member of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce! From time to time you will be getting information (*via e-mail, generally*) about meetings, programs, and other net-working opportunities. Here is a great chance to meet and greet some of our city's decision makers and invite them to get involved with **LIONS!**

### Information about Lions International

#### **Around the World in 80 Days Words** (*give or take a few*)

- The annual Kansas Mid-Winter Rally will be held at the Holiday Inn in Salina, January 16-18, 2009. **Past International Director Steve Sherer** and wife Mary of Ohio will be International Guests. He's a dynamic, inspiring speaker. Plan to attend.
- **International President Al Brandel** and his wife Dr. Maureen Murphy will be our guests at the State Convention, Airport Hilton Inn, Wichita, May 28-30, 2009. The Kansas Lions State Band will perform during that time.
- Plan now to attend the **International Convention** in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 5-10, 2009. Registration forms available online. Plans are underway to send a State Band to the Convention this year.

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**A:** I am the "Member Who Never Came Back"!

*Anonymous*

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**2008 "Metcalf Avenue of Flags": Remaining Schedule**

November 11: Veterans Day

*"Take Pride. We Do."*