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Some quick and important notes

BACK TO WYNDHAM GARDEN HOTEL FOR NEXT MEETINGS

For the next three regular club meetings—January 24, February 14, and February 28—we will be at the Wyndham Garden Hotel again. Mark these dates on your calendar. The search for another meeting location will continue.

The owner of Bacchanalia Private Dining has landed a large contract to provide three-meal-a-day service seven days a week to a local retirement center and care facility. The new opportunity was too good to pass up, but at this time he just doesn't have the staff capability to provide quality breakfasts at two locations at the same time.

“The Envelope, Please . . .”

We Sponsored a Peace Poster Contest Winner!

Claire Thomas, age 13, is the Kansas Lions State Peace Poster Contest winner for 2008-09! Claire is a student at Indian Woods Middle School in Overland Park and was sponsored by our club. She wins a \$100 cash prize from Kansas Lions for her entry.

Claire and some of her family will be present at our meeting this Saturday, January 24. We will recognize her as the school winner and give her another cash prize. Then at the 17-O District Convention in Atchison in March, she will get District recognition and still more cash!

Claire's winning poster is shown at left, and the young artist stands beside her work after the Youth Luncheon at Mid-Winter Rally in Salina last Saturday (January 17).

Claire's art teacher at Indian Woods is Mrs. Linda Kelly. This is the second consecutive year that Mrs. Kelly's art classes have participated in the Peace Poster Contest.

Claire's poster has been forwarded to Lions Clubs International and will be entered in the International Peace Poster Contest. The Grand Prize award is \$2500 and special recognition at

Lions Day at the United Nations. Twenty-three “Merit” winners will each receive a \$500 prize.

CORRECTION: The poster shown in the December *Lions' Roar* was not Claire's. Rather, it was the 2007-2008 International grand-prize winning entry. We apologize for the error.



Effort for Special Nelson Lear Memorial Approved by Board of Directors

Our Club's Board of Directors voted on January 3 to make an effort to name the track at the Kansas State School for the Blind in honor of former Lion Nelson Lear. Nelson was the driving force behind the funding and construction of the track and developing a special endowment fund to provide money for operating expenses of the track program at KSSB. Without his dedication and passion, it is possible the track would never have been built.

The track area is called “Lions Field” to recognize the efforts of Lions Clubs to build the track, but also because the State of Kansas does not name facilities after living persons.

Program Notes . . .

January 24: Eleanor Craig will be our speaker and will talk about the Accessible Arts trips on the Oregon and Santa Fe Trails as well as recent developments in the program. Claire Thomas (see above) and some of her family will be present. Here's your chance to discuss with some visitors what Lions around the world do!

February 14: Ed Eilert, Johnson County Commissioner and former Overland Park mayor, will be our speaker.

February 28: Special membership-promotion meeting. Big Lion Beverly wrote about this in the last issue of the *Lions' Roar* and more details will be in the February issue.

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