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The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas
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WE SERVE

Brrrrrrrr! Was it ever COLD!!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Becomes Family Affair For Several Lions

On Sunday, December 21, the Kansas City Chiefs played football on one of the coldest game days ever recorded at Arrowhead Stadium. Only a few hardy fans braved the weather to watch still another disappointing loss by the home team.

But on the day before, Lions and their families demonstrated the true meaning of our motto "We Serve" by shivering through two-hour shifts on behalf of the Salvation Army. It was the coldest day most of them could remember in the many years of bell-ringing.

Hands and faces might have been nipped by old Jack Frost, but hearts were warmed by the knowledge that money collected through our efforts would make Christmas just a little brighter for needy families throughout the area.

The amount of money collected by Host Lions had not been reported by the Salvation Army office by the time this issue of the *Lions' Roar* had to be printed and mailed.

See more on next page.



Above, Lion Art Meganack and wife Terry with grandchildren warmed the season with bright smiles in spite of the chilly weather. They rang bells at Sam's Club, I-35 and 95th Street.

Below, Lion Grant Rogers and daughter Robyn showed the Christmas spirit at Hy-Vee, 95th and Quivira.



January 10 Club Breakfast To Be Held At Bacchanalia Private Dining, 12450 Newton

The regular club meeting on January 10 is your chance to consider a potential new location for all future meetings.

Big Lion Beverly Nichols has sent a letter to all members through the United States Postal Service with full information and directions for getting to Bacchanalia.

The Board of Directors met on January 10 for a "trial run" at *Bacchanalia—Private Dining* at 12450 Newton (near 123rd Street and Metcalf, only a couple of miles south of the Wyndham Garden Hotel). In general, Board members were pleased with the meal and service, location, amount of free parking, and other amenities. The room is large enough for special activities such as anniversary banquets (a cash bar is available for such occasions).

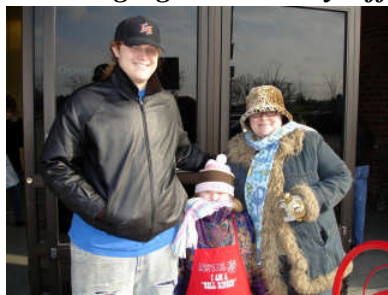
"Breakfast With Santa" December 13



As always, Santa has a way of putting smiles on children's faces, and at our annual Breakfast With Santa meeting in December he didn't make an exception. Lion Chris Claxton's daughter (*above*) and Lion Darrel Stone's granddaughter (*lower picture*) react with pleasure to the gifts Santa found under the tree for them.

Lion Heather Lanigan led in the singing of several Christmas carols and Lion Paul Roerman added to the festivities with an interesting puzzle-game, "How Well Do You Know Your Carols?"

Bell Ringing Was Family Affair . . .



At left, *Lions Bryan and Heather Lanigan and daughter Zoe rang the bells at Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market, 103rd and Metcalf.*



At right, *Lion Darrel Stone and Phebe worked the early shift at Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market.*

Other Lions couples who braved the cold included **Ron and Dottie Bloome, Roger and Mae Claxton, Ken and Carole Collyard, and Neal and Beverly Nichols.** (If *Ye Olde Editor* omitted anyone, he apologizes sincerely.)

**Condensed Treasurer's Reports
(December 2008)**

GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT (Administrative Funds)

| | |
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| Income: | |
| Meals | \$ 355.29 |
| Christmas Breakfast | 253.00 |
| Membership dues | 75.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 683.29 |
| Expenses: | |
| Meals and meeting Room | 564.07 |
| Club supplies | 168.30 |
| Santa Claus | 50.00 |
| Total Expenses | 782.37 |
| Net Income | \$ (99.08) |

SERVICE ACCOUNT (Projects and Charitable Funds)

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Income: | |
| Metcalf Avenue of Flags | \$ 197.00 |
| Donations for special-need family . | 200.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 397.00 |
| Expenses: | |
| Candy Day Expense | \$ 14.80 |
| Eyeglasses | 188.00 |
| Relief for special-needs family | 500.00 |
| Total Expenses | 702.80 |
| Net income | \$ (305.80) |

Board of Directors Notes

Meeting of January 3 (unofficial notes): (1) Treasurer's reports for December accepted. Informal review of notes from December 6 meeting [official minutes not yet available]. (2) Discussion of continuing help for special-needs family (victim of burglary); consensus was that our club is not in position to provide more than has been done (assistance with rent and a food basket); Janet Reh will work with head-of-household in getting aid from organizations more appropriate for him. (3) Edson Parker suggests visitation to Ottawa, Lenexa, and Prairie Village Lions Club. (4) Candy Day schedule discussed; April 3, 4 and May 8, 9 are tentative dates. (5) Board voted to ask club members to donate to a special fund to honor former Lion Nelson Lear. Contributions can be made to either the Kansas City All-Stars or to the OPH Lions Club Endowment Fund and designated for the Lear memorial. Opportunity will be given at the meeting of January 10 for this. (6) Approved motion to work with the Kansas State School for the Blind and other Kansas state agencies to try to have the track at the KSSB renamed "Lions Field, Nelson Lear Memorial Track". (7) Discussion of possible new meeting site. Consensus is that Bacchanalia is a good location. (8) Discussion as to whether this club needs three Vice Presidents and six Directors given current level of membership. No formal action taken; consensus was to hold elections for 2009-10 with current level of officers.

The February 24 Meeting Needs YOU!



A Message from the Big Lion



The Membership Committee at a recent planning meeting designed a member recruitment initiative that will culminate in a specially designed Membership Meeting on February 24. That meeting will feature a short presentation about Lions Clubs, brief descriptions of some of our club's major activities, and table displays that will tell more about the things we do as Overland Park Host Lions.

So, where do you come in? There are several places.

- At our next three meetings (January 10, January 24, and February 14) you'll be given prospect cards to complete and give to the Membership Committee. The Lions on that committee will do the follow-up for inviting the prospects you recommend as potential Lions.
- Invite a friend to attend our January 24 and/or February 14 meetings. The speakers will be of high interest to different audiences. On January 24 **Eleanor Craig** of Accessible Arts at the Kansas State School for the Blind will describe exciting outdoor activities for blind youngsters. On February 14 County Commissioner **Ed Eilert** will address some of the issues relevant to Johnson County.
- Finally, at the February 24 meeting **bring** a guest who is a prospective member for our club. The most creative membership presentation in the world won't bring in new members if there are no prospects to see that presentation. So, be thinking now about the person you might invite on February 24. And, don't just invite the person—offer to actually bring him, her, or possibly a couple.

Our club can do so much more to support the good things we do in our community if we add to our membership base. As the members of our club age (*a very natural process!*) it is increasingly difficult to carry out major projects such as raising flags on Metcalf Avenue, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, and having Candy Days to raise money for the KU Ophthalmology Center. In addition, we've lost five members from the club for various reasons since the beginning of this Lions' year (July 1). Help the Membership Committee respond to the challenge of bringing in some new, younger members.

--President Beverly

"Power of Peace" is 2009 Peace Poster Contest Theme

It's already time to be thinking of the 2009-2010 Peace Poster Contest.

We announced in the last issue of the Lions' Roar that Claire Thomas, 13, a student at Indian Woods Middle School in Overland Park, is the winner of the 2008-09 District 17-O Peace Poster Contest. Claire was sponsored by our club and her art teacher is Mrs. Linda Kelly.

Claire's artwork has gone to the Kansas Lions State Contest. Winners at that level will be announced during the luncheon at the Mid-Winter Rally in Salina on Saturday, January 17.

An Almanac of Essential Information for Host Lions . . .

(Stuff you really ought to know!)

We [Usually] Meet On Second and Fourth Saturdays
at the Wyndham Garden Hotel
on 108th Street (near I-435 and Metcalf Avenue)
Overland Park, Kansas
**ON JANUARY 10, 2009 WE WILL MEET AT
BACCHANALIA PRIVATE DINING
12450 NEWTON, OVERLAND PARK**
Breakfast and Fellowship Time, 7:15-7:45 a.m.
Meeting Time, 7:45 – 9:00 a.m.

Calendar of Activities

January

- January 3 Board of Directors Meeting
- January 10 Regular Club meeting
7:15 a.m., **BACCHANALIA PRIVATE DINING**
District Governor Peggy Jacobson's Official Visit
- January 16-18 Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally, Salina
- January 24 Regular Club Meeting
Eleanor Craig, Director, Accessible Arts will be guest speaker
Location to be announced (pending decision about Bacchanalia)

February

- February 7 Board of Directors Meeting
7:30 a.m., Mimi's Restaurant, Oak Park Mall
- February 14 Regular Club Meeting
7:15 a.m., breakfast starts, 7:45 a.m. meeting time
Johnson County Commissioner Ed Eilert will be guest speaker
Location to be announced (pending decision about Bacchanalia)
- February 28 Regular Club Meeting
7:15 a.m., breakfast starts, 7:45 a.m. meeting time
Membership Committee responsible for the program
Location to be announced (pending decision about Bacchanalia)

March (partial calendar)

- March 20-21 2009 District 17-O Convention, Atchison

April (partial calendar)

- April 3 and 4 Candy Days
Locations to be announced

May (partial calendar)

- May 8 and 9 Candy Days
Locations to be announced

2008-2009 Overland Park Host Officers and Directors

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|---|---------------------------------|
| Beverly Nichols | President |
| Bob Larson | 1st Vice President |
| Neal Nichols (advanced due to Pat Gray's resignation from Club) | 2nd Vice President |
| [vacancy] | 3rd Vice President |
| Carole Collyard | Secretary |
| Roger Claxton | Treasurer |
| Mac 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 |
| [Vacant due to Ben Starks' resignation from Board] | 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

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 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 (Leanwood) | Zone Chair, Region 4, Zone 2 |

January LQ—Lions Quarterly Video Magazine— Is Now On Line. Take a Look! . . .

- See how Lions in South Africa feed hungry children while teaching them how to clean up their community
- Take a peek at what goes on behind the scenes of an eyeglass mission in Mexico, and
- Travel with Japanese Lions as they bring the gift of two very-needed fire engines to Cambodia.
- Also, see why you should make your plans now for the 2009 international convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA..

Once you've opened the video page, you'll find links to other video programs about additional Lions activities, including one about International President Al Brandel's "Everyday Heroes" theme.

Information about Lions International and Kansas Lions . . .

Around the World in 80 Days Words (give or take a few) (You've seen some of this before, but it's worth repeating!)

- The annual **Kansas Mid-Winter Rally** will be held at the Holiday Inn in Salina, January 16-18, 2009.

It's not too late to register, but hurry! Meal-reservation deadline is Friday, January 9. Reservations should be sent to Lion Marilyn Sorenson, 1040 Union Road, Scandia, KS 66966. Her telephone number is 785-335-2247. Dinner on Friday night (January 16) is \$13 per person; Lunch on Saturday is \$12 per person and the banquet on Saturday night is \$16 per person. (Choose between Loin of Beef Medallions or Baked Salmon for the banquet.) You can pay when you check in at the Rally registration desk. Special note: if you make reservations but don't show up and don't pay, our club gets billed!! Breakfasts are free if you stay at the Holiday Inn Salina.

Past International Director Steve Sherer and wife Mary of Ohio will be International Guests.

- **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.

- Did you see the January issue, the **new Lion** magazine? The change in format is part of the re-branding effort of Lions Clubs International to become more relevant to younger generation. But where's "Exit Laughing," the joke page?

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