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The Lions' Roar

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

Ed Eilert Is Speaker for Saturday's Meeting

Former Overland Park mayor and now a Johnson County Commissioner, Ed Eilert, will be guest speaker at our meeting on February 14.

Lion Jack Brown arranged the program. Commissioner Eilert is a long-time friend and supporter of our Club and was speaker on numerous occasions during his tenure as city mayor.

February's Message from the Big Lion . . .



WOW! Look at the Calendar of Activities on page two of this newsletter. We have a lot going on, fellow Lions. Once dates and locations are finalized, Candy Days will be added to our calendar for April and May. All our events are successful because of the ongoing support of all of you. Some specific ways we need that support in days ahead are:

1. Bring prospective members as your guests to any meeting, but especially to the February 28 meeting. Lions Grant Rogers and Heather Lanigan are planning a special membership-oriented program for that day. That will also be the time when we honor our Peace Poster Contest winner and her art teacher.
2. Bring your donated items or your cash contribution for the Shoeboxes for Soldiers project to the meetings on February 14 and 28. Then plan to stay longer on March 14 to help pack the boxes.

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Flag Schedule for 2009 Is Set

Lion Art Meganck, Flag operations committee chairman, has announced the schedule for 2009. Flags will be raised at 6 a.m. and taken down at 4 p.m. on the following six days:

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| ARMED FORCES DAY | SATURDAY | MAY 16 |
| MEMORIAL DAY | MONDAY | MAY 25 |
| FLAG DAY | MONDAY | JUNE 15 |

(The actual date of Flag Day is Sunday, June 14.)

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| INDEPENDENCE DAY | SATURDAY | JULY 4 |
| LABOR DAY | MONDAY | SEPT 7 |
| VETERANS DAY | WEDNESDAY | NOV. 11 |

"Pre-season" work days will be scheduled sometime before May 16, during which curb markings will be painted and necessary repairs or replacement of sleeves, corks, flags, and poles will be made to ensure that all is in readiness for flag raisings.

The help of *every* member of the Club—as well as the help of service-minded friends and neighbors—is vital to the continued success of this outstanding program of community service and fund raising. Since the beginning of this fiscal year, we have lost members due to out-of-town moves, declining health, and family considerations.

Our manpower needs are critical. The Membership Committee is hard at work developing programs to attract new and "able-bodied" members. Until these efforts "kick in" with results, however, it is urgent that all of us pitch in a do our share and more!

First Notice . . .

Members to Vote On Constitution and By-Laws Amendments At Regular Meeting of March 14

Pursuant to Article XVI, "Amendments," of the By-Laws of the Overland Park Host Lions Club, the Board of Directors hereby submits certain amendments for a vote by the membership at the regular Club meeting on March 14.

Amendments to be considered include all or parts of the following By-Laws: **Article VII: Officers:** (number of vice presidents); **Article VIII: Board of Directors: Sections A and G** (size of board and election of directors); and **Article X: Vacancies** (procedures for filling).

The text of the amendments is on Page 2 of this issue of the Lions' Roar.



The amending process is provided by Article XVI, Sections A and B, which state, "These By-Laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of this Club at which a quorum is present, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present in person and voting, provided the Board has previously considered the merits of the amendments"

and that "No amendment shall be put to vote, unless written notice thereof, stating the proposed amendment, shall have been mailed or delivered personally to each member of this Club at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which the vote on the proposed amendment is to be taken."

The Board "considered the merits of the amendments" at its regular monthly meeting on Saturday, February 7, 2009. This newsletter, distributed by electronic mail and/or through the United States Postal Service meets the requirement of two weeks' advance written notice.

The affected Articles and Sections on the next page are copied as they currently apply. Changes effected by the proposed amendments are shown in the text as follows:

Deletions are shown by "double strikethroughs," as in this example: ~~double strikethroughs~~

Changes in text or additions are shown in bold-face type, as in this example: **bold-face type**.

If the amendments are approved on March 14, they will take effect immediately and the Nominating Committee will proceed to solicit candidates based on the new Vice President and Board structure.

The **Nominating Committee** (Past President Mae Claxton, chair) will submit a slate of nominees to the membership on March 28 and April 11. The slate of nominees will also be published in the April issue of the *Lions' Roar*.

Election of officers for 2009-2010 will be held by written secret ballot at the regular meeting of April 11.

Stark(s) Reality

By Lion Ben Starks



Finally at about eleven on a Friday morning, I headed out on southbound I-35 on my great adventure through Texas and along the Gulf Coast en route to Key West. On the way, I reminisced about the many trips Alice and I took to Dallas to visit Phil and our last visit with him. There was a virtual flood of memories!

I remember one Christmas season we were delayed and it seemed like hours at the Red River waiting for ice to be cleared from the highway; another time we were fighting counter traffic heading for the Texas Speedway.

One of our favorite stopping points was the giant mall at Gainesville. We always liked shopping for bargains and grabbing a bite to eat. This time, I did get a motel in Gainesville, but I wasn't up to shopping. Next morning I followed my GPS instructions which led me right to Miriam Chiarello's home. I rang the doorbell, but got no answer, so I found a local donut shop and had a cup of coffee. Then I called on the phone and left a message. Shortly the waitress said I had a phone call. Seems as though Miriam was in the shower and didn't hear the door bell. I went back to her house and had a delightful visit as she has been a friend for over 40 years. She fed me a nice lunch and I was on my way to San Antonio.

After having dinner I holed up in a motel and called Earl McIntosh on the phone. I made arrangements to see him the next day. After an exciting evening reading the local paper and working the crossword puzzle, I hit the sack.

On Saturday morning I loaded up the car and said to heck with this solo driving and nights in strange motel rooms, I'm going home where the warmth of friendship far out-gains the anticipation of new scenery seen only through your eyes, unshared. So, putting the pedal to the metal, and stopping only for gas and a drive-thru Big Mac and a Coke, I was home by 8:00 p.m.

Surprised the heck out of my daughter Laura!

Sunday morning I shared breakfast at the Legion Hall with a group of friends, had coffee in the Fireside Room at church and then went to Sunday school and church. It was good to fall back into the familiar routine. It really is true: there's no place *like* HOME!

Board of Directors Notes

Meeting of February 7 (unofficial notes): (1) Minutes of January 3 meeting and Treasurer's reports for January accepted. (2) Wyndham Garden hotel contract covering meal cost and room reservations through December 2009 approved. (3) Special membership-recruitment program for February 28 discussed. (4) Discussed possible participation in Overland Park "Mardi Gras" days, June 5 and 6, 2009. Decision delayed. (5) Neal Nichols will serve as interim Host Committee chairman for the 2013 USA/Canada Forum to be held in Overland Park per request of Past International Director Ed McCormick. (6) Consideration was given to several amendments to Club Constitution and By-Laws. Those regarding number of vice presidents and directors, and related election-procedure sections were approved for submission to the Club for vote on March 14. Others were tabled until the March 7 Board of Directors meeting. See full text of amendments including deletions, additions, and changes in the next column.



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

(See explanatory article on Page 1.)

ARTICLE VII Officers

Section D. **DUTIES.**

(3) **VICE-PRESIDENTS:** There shall be ~~three (3)~~ **two (2)** Vice-Presidents; a 1st Vice-President, ~~and~~ a 2nd Vice-President ~~and a 3rd Vice-President~~. If the president is unable to perform the duties of his/her office for any reason, the vice president next in rank shall occupy his/her position and perform his/her duties with the same authority as the president.

If, prior to the first election following the adoption of this Section, there is any vacancy in the position of a Vice President who has years remaining on his/her term, the Nominating Committee shall not act to fill such vacancy, provided however that a minimum of two (2) Vice Presidents is ensured for the next year. At the second and each subsequent election following the adoption of this Section, one (1) Vice President shall be elected.

Each vice president shall, under the direction of the president, oversee the functioning of such committees of this Club as the president shall designate.

ARTICLE VIII Board of Directors

Section A. The members of the Board of Directors shall be the president, immediate past president, ~~the three (3)~~ **two (2)** vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, Lion tamer, tail twister, membership director and ~~six (6)~~ **four (4)** elected directors.

Section G. One ~~third (1/3)~~ **half (1/2)** of the directors shall be elected annually and shall take office on the July 1st next following their election, and shall hold office for ~~three (3)~~ **two (2)** years from that time, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified, ~~with the exception that at the first election held after the adoption of this Constitution and By Laws, one third (1/3) of the directors shall be elected for three (3) year terms, one third (1/3) of the directors shall be elected for two (2) year terms and the other one third (1/3) of the directors shall be elected for one year terms.~~

Nothing in this Section shall be construed as requiring directors elected in the two years prior to its adoption to resign or be removed from their respective positions.

If, prior to the first election following the adoption of this Section, there is any vacancy in the position of a Director who has one or more years remaining on his/her term, the Board of Directors may at its discretion advise the Nominating Committee not to act to fill such vacancy, provided however that a minimum of four (4) directors is ensured for the next year.

ARTICLE X Vacancies

Section A. If the office of president or of ~~any~~ **first** vice president shall become vacant for any reason, the vice presidents **next in rank** shall advance in office. ~~according to their rank~~. In the event such provision for advancement shall fail to fill the office of president, or first ~~or second~~ vice president, the Board of Directors shall thereon call a special election, giving each member in good standing prior two (2) weeks notice of the time and place thereof, which time and place shall be determined by said Board, and such office shall be filled at said election meeting.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of ~~third~~ **second** vice president, the Board of Directors may appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

February's Message from the Big Lion . . .*(Continued from page 1)*

3. Consider what item or items you can contribute to the Silent Auction on March 28. Items need not come from your home; it might be that someone with whom you do business regularly will contribute an item or a gift certificate. Just ask! Funds raised at this Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction will finish our commitment to Campaign SightFirst II.

4. Read the article about the proposed Constitutional amendments on page 1 and study the amendments themselves printed on page 2. The intent of these amendments is to bring the size of the Board of Directors more in line with the number of members in our club. If you have questions don't hesitate to call Lions Neal or Beverly.

5. Be prepared to say "Yes" when Lion Mae Claxton or some other member of the Nominating Committee (Lions Rogers and Roerman) call to ask you to serve in an officer's position for 2009-10.

Thanks to each and every one of you for making our club the great service organization that it is!

Big Lion Beverly

A Word From "Ye Olde Editor"

Last September, Lions Clubs International approved Overland Park, Kansas to be the site of the 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

Forums feature internationally-renowned inspirational, entertaining, and motivational speakers. In addition, some sixty or more seminars designed to help Lions improve their leadership skills or to become effective leaders in the future.

Forums are attended by Lions from every State or Province in both great countries. Attendance ranges from 2500 to as many as 3700 Lions and guests. Successful hosting of a Forum requires the work of hundreds of Lion volunteers. Planning starts early; in fact, *planning for 2013 has already begun!*

Past International Director Ed McCormick has asked me to serve as interim chairman of the 2013 Host Planning Committee. It is a great honor to serve in this position, but the workload will be tremendous.

A leader's success in Lionism begins with the support of his/her local club as well as Lions of the District and Multiple District. Fellow OP "Hosters," please, when you're called on, answer the call echoed in the International motto: say "yes, WE SERVE"!

**SHOE BOXES FOR SOLDIERS****WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Once again the Overland Park Host Lions Club is packing "Shoebboxes for soldiers" in Iraq. Lion Paul Roerman has made the contact for us.

We have budgeted \$500 for this project. Postage for 32 boxes will take approximately half of that. Filling the boxes, if the Club buys everything, will take approximately \$20 per box, so we need contributions of items or money to help us stay within budget.

Here are items we are specifically requesting (taken from the list provided by *Operation ShoeBox*, with other specific suggestions from the chaplain of this particular battalion.)

Food/Snacks

Candy (no chocolate)
Jelly beans for Easter
Gum (no stick)
Gum such as Chiclets®
Beef Jerky
Canned Fruit (pop-top cans)
Tuna Kits
Honey Roasted Peanuts
Home Made Cookies

Toiletries/Hygiene

Baby Wipes
Deodorant (Roll-on)
Hand Lotion (travel size)
Hand Sanitizers (travel size)
Q-Tips®
Disposable Razors
Shampoo (Travel size)
Tissues (Travel Pack)
Tylenol®

Miscellaneous Items

Crossword-Puzzle Books
Sudoku Books
CDs
DVDs (new and used)
Magazines
Socks (cushioned, white, calf-high)

Additional Information:

- No aerosol cans
- The *Dollar Tree* Store in the 91st & Metcalf Shopping Center is a great place to buy items at a good price.
- Homemade cookies will be packed carefully, but they should be cookies that are not fragile and won't crumble during shipping, such as oatmeal-raisin.
- If we receive more than enough for 32 boxes we will ship additional items directly to the Chaplain.

BRING ITEMS TO MEETINGS ON FEBRUARY 14 AND/OR FEBRUARY 28.

Can't shop? A monetary donation will be a great help!

THE MARCH 14 MEETING WILL BE A WORKING MEETING SO ALL CLUB MEMBERS CAN BE INVOLVED IN PACKING THE BOXES.

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 108th 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

February

- February 14 Regular Club meeting
County Commissioner (former OP Mayor) Ed Eilert to speak
- February 17 (Tuesday) Visitation to Lenexa Lions Club
6:30 p.m., Zarda's Bar-B-Q, 11931 West 87th Street Parkway
- February 21 (Saturday)..... Visitation to Prairie Village Lions Club
8:00 a.m. Faith Lutheran Church, 67th & Roe
- February 28 . Regular meeting: Emphasis on Membership Growth
Information/orientation for prospective members
Special guests:
Claire Thomas, State Peace Poster Contest Winner, and family
Mrs. Linda Kelly (Claire's art teacher)
Peggy Samson, KU Audio-Reader
Clint Vawter, Candidate for 2nd VDG

March

- March 7 Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 a.m. Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall
- March 14 Regular Club meeting
Special WORK DAY, Packing "Shoebboxes for Soldiers"
Voting on proposed Club By-Laws Amendments
Special Guest: Jerry Loney, Candidate for 1st VDG
- March 20, 21 District 17-O Convention
Heritage Conference Center, Atchison, Kansas
- March 28 Morning: Regular Club Meeting
At the Wyndham Garden
 Evening: Third Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction
Overland Park Christian Church, 75th and Lowell

April

- April 4 Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 a.m. Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall
- April 11 Regular Club meeting
- April 26 Regular Club meeting

Condensed Treasurer's Reports
 (January 2009)

GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT (Administrative Funds)

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| Income: | |
| Meals | \$ 397.50 |
| Membership dues | 212.50 |
| Tail Twister | 63.25 |
| Total Income | \$ 673.25 |
| Expenses: | |
| Meals and meeting room | 500.01 |
| Club supplies | 96.76 |
| International 1/2-year dues | 624.00 |
| State and District 1/2-year dues | 251.82 |
| Total Expenses | 1,472.59 |
| Net Income | (\$ 799.34) |
| Ending Balance | \$ 6,240.80 |

SERVICE ACCOUNT (Projects and Charitable Funds)

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| Income: | |
| Metcalf Avenue of Flags | \$ 1,665.00 |
| Special relief donation | 100.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 1,765.00 |
| Expenses: | |
| Flag Expense | \$ 122.63 |
| Service Fund Disbursements | |
| Contr. to Accessible Arts | 250.00 |
| Eyeglasses for indigents | 200.00 |
| Total Expenses | 572.63 |
| Net income | \$ 1,192.37 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 16,089.95 |

2008-2009 Overland Park Host Officers and Directors

- Beverly Nichols *President*
- Bob Larson *1st Vice President*
- Neal Nichols (advanced due to Pat Gray's resignation) *2nd V. P.*
- [vacancy] *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*
- [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

- 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"

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!)

- **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.
- Can't go to Minneapolis? Think about going to **Memphis** for the **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**, September 24-26, 2009.

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17-O District Convention, 2009 March 20th and 21st, 2009

“Fly to Atchison, Kansas”

Registration Form

Convention location
Atchison Heritage Conference Center.
710 South Ninth
Atchison, Kansas 66002

Registration Fee: (must be included for every person attending) Number ____ @ \$ 3.00 each = \$ _____

Friday, March 20

6:30 Steak Fry and The Big Creek Country Variety Show. Number ____ @ \$18.00 each = \$ _____
(KC strip steak, baked potato, baked beans and all the trimmings)

Saturday, March 21

8:00 Friendship Breakfast, hosted by the Past District Governor. Number ____ @ \$ 8.00 each = \$ _____
(Bacon, scrambled eggs, biscuit w/ sausage gravy, juice and coffee)

12:00 Peace Poster Lunch Number ____ @ \$11.00 each = \$ _____
(Deli meat and cheese, buns, Potato Salad and Cole Slaw and all the trimmings)

6:00 Convention Banquet: *ID Harold Ott, Guest Speaker.* Number ____ @ \$15.00 each = \$ _____
(Chicken Cordon Bleu with Alfredo Sauce, Green Beans, Baby Red Potatoes, salad and all the trimmings)

Total \$ _____

Name _____ Club _____

Spouse _____ Club _____

Leo _____ Club _____

Address _____ City and ZIP _____

Convention Hotel

AmericInn of Atchison,
500 US Hwy 73,
Atchison, Ks. 66002

Telephone: 913-367-9691

Lions' Room Rate: \$84.90.

(Reservation must be made by February 20th for a room at this Lions' rate.)

The other hotel in the area is the Super 8, telephone: 913-367-7666.

IMPORTANT: Convention Registration Deadline is *Thursday, March 5, 2009*

*No refunds will be made after March 5th.
No meal tickets will be sold at registration*

Please make checks payable to: **17-O District Convention**

Mail registration form and check to: Lion Phyllis Scholz
PO Box 8, 201 Broadway,
Lancaster, Kansas 66041
e-mail: pscholz@unitedbankks.com

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Think Forum!

September 24-26, 2009 in Memphis, Tennessee

Rock with "The King"—revisit Elvis!

2010 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

2011 in Anchorage, Alaska

2012 in Tampa, Florida

2013 right here in *OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS*

Celebrate with Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz