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Peace Poster Contest

State Contest Winner Recognized at Last Meeting



Claire Thomas, 8th-grade student at Indian Woods Middle School, receives a \$50 check from Lion Carole Collyard, above. She will also be recognized—and get still another cash award—at the District 17-O Convention in Atchison on March 21. Claire and her parents, Jeff and Karin Thomas, were guests at our meeting on February 28.

Claire's poster, pictured at right, also won the Kansas Lions State Peace Poster Contest and went on to competition at the Lions Clubs International level.

This year's theme was "Peace Begins With Me." Claire's poster shows a hand with a peace dove against a backdrop of the symbols of various religions and national flags.

Claire's teacher, Mrs. Linda Kelly, was also recognized at our February 28 meeting. Lion Carole presented her with a potted plant and a gift card. See her picture on page 2.

Second 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 has submitted amendments for a vote by the membership at the regular club meeting on March 14.

The Board of Directors at its March 1 meeting unanimously recommended that club members vote in favor of the proposed changes.

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).

All the changes are printed on page 2.



Pasta Supper and Silent Auction . . .

Annual Fund Raiser To Be Held March 28

MARCH 28!!! Save that day for our Third Annual Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction. The event will be held once again at the Overland Park Christian Church, 7600 W. 75th Street in Overland Park. **The time is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, with desserts an additional \$1.50 each. Funds raised will go toward finishing our club's pledge for Campaign SightFirst II.

But, besides saving the date, we need help from all club members. How can you help?

1. *Sell tickets for the dinner.* Lion Mae has those tickets and you can get them from her if you don't already have some or need some more. Your family, your neighbors, your fellow church goers all are folks you can invite to attend (after they purchase a ticket, of course!)

2. *Donate or solicit items for the Silent Auction.* This is where we make our money, more than on the dinner. You can bring these items to Lion Mae or Lion Beverly in advance, or you can bring them to the church at 2 p.m. on March 28. Do let us know what you will be donating so we can plan accordingly and obtain additional items as needed. We can also pick up items if, for some reason, you cannot bring them.

3. *Bring a dessert (pies, cakes, or cookies) to be sold at the dinner.* A sign-up sheet will be available at the March 14 meeting.

4. *Help with the set-up beginning at 2 p.m. on March 28.*

This is one of those occasions when we enjoy one another's fellowship while we engage in a worthwhile project. Plan on helping in as many of the ways above as you possibly can.

Flag Finance Committee At Work . . .



Members of the Flag Finance Committee, chaired by Lion Art Meganck, met after the regular club meeting on Saturday, February 28. Clockwise from left: Lions Janet Reh, Roger Claxton, Ken Collyard, Meganck, Ron Bloome and Dottie Bloome.

Flag Schedule for 2009 Is Set: Note 1 Change

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:

ARMED FORCES DAY	SATURDAY	MAY 16
MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY	MAY 25
FLAG DAY	SUNDAY	JUNE 14*
INDEPENDENCE DAY	SATURDAY	JULY 4
LABOR DAY	MONDAY	SEPT 7
VETERANS DAY	WEDNESDAY	NOV. 11

(See "Flag Program" on page 3)

Linda Kelly, Art Teacher, Honored at February 28 Meeting



Mrs. Linda Kelly, art teacher at Indian Woods Middle School, Overland Park, was recognized at our last meeting. For the past two years she has worked with students who enter the Peace Poster Contest. In this picture, Lion Carole Collyard has just presented Mrs. Kelly with a department-store gift card and a floral arrangement. In addition to serving as Secretary, Lion Carole is our

club's Peace Poster chairperson.

Text of Proposed Constitutional Amendments

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.

The Big Lion's Message for March . . .



I'm amazed at how quickly this Lions year has gone by. It's now two-thirds over and time to reflect on events of the year.

We've had some great successes. Overland Park Days, under the direction of **Lion Art Meganck**, resulted in more profit than in the past several years.

An impromptu garage sale, which included many items donated by **Lion Ben Starks**, brought in an unexpected profit. The Metcalf Avenue of Flags continues to be our signature project that brings us a tremendous amount of favorable publicity. We continue to provide eyeglasses for needy individuals.

A scholarship program has been initiated and the club will award its first scholarships to high school seniors later this year.

Lion Edson Parker has arranged several visitations to other clubs and continues to line up visitations for the rest of the year. Club members have, as always, provided us with interesting and informative programs. Our Peace Poster Contest winner went on to win the state contest.

With the successes come challenges. Our biggest challenge is membership. Since July 1 we have lost seven members for a variety of reasons. Our club has joined the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce, which has allowed individuals in the club to make a lot of good contacts that can lead to new members.

The Membership Committee continues to work hard at increasing membership, but bringing new members into the club is a responsibility of all of us. We need younger, enthusiastic folks who are interested in volunteer service to help us maintain our projects.

The March 14 meeting will be a working meeting, when we pack Shoeboxes for Soldiers. This will be a great time for you to invite a friend to see one way in which we live up to our motto: **WE SERVE**.

Board of Directors Notes

Meeting of March 7 (unofficial notes): (1) Minutes of February 7 meeting and Treasurer's reports for February accepted. (2) Accepted with regrets the resignation of Jack Brown from the club [due to health reasons]. (3) Discussed possible participation in Overland Park "Mardi Gras" days, June 5 and 6, 2009. Club to sell popcorn and soft drinks and to distribute small American Flags as "freebies." (4) Gave unanimous recommendation that club members approve By-Laws amendments on March 14. Notification about those amendments regarding number of vice presidents and directors and related election-procedure sections were published in February *Lions' Roar* [and appear again in this issue; see pages 1 and 2]. (5) Discussion of other amendment proposals was tabled until the April 4 Board of Directors meeting. (6) Lions Ron and Dottie Bloome, Mae Claxton, and Carole Collyard were approved as voting delegates to the District 17-O Convention in Atchison on March 21. (7) Agreed to suggest that an April 1 KSDS fundraising show at Folly Theater, Kansas City, Missouri be a social night for club members [see related story on page 3].

Program Notes . . .

Last meeting: Special membership-recruiting program, with orientation PowerPoint® presentation designed by Lion Heather Lanigan, membership committee vice-chairperson. Guests included Peggy Samson of the KU Audio-Reader program, PDG Ken and Lion Ester Anspaugh of Carbondale, and Lion Clint Vawter of Scranton. Several prospective members had been invited, but 5 to 7 inches of snow was a major deterrence to their attending.

March 14: Work Day—packing Shoeboxes for Soldiers. (**Lion Jerry Loney** (*Sunflower Lions Club, Topeka*), running for District O First Vice District Governor will visit to promote his candidacy.)

March 28 (regular morning meeting): Presentation on special eye clinic mission in Tanzania, arranged by Lion Paul Roerman.

March 28 (5 to 8 p.m.): Pasta Supper and Silent Auction, Overland Park Christian Church, 75th and Lowell.

Stark(s) Reality

By Lion Ben Starks



As I sit here reflecting on the events of the past few days, on the week-end of Valentine's Day, devoted to that Second—and equal to the greatest—Commandment to “Love one another, as I have loved you,” I can't help becoming all “choked up” over the magnitude and multitude of times that I have been the undeserving recipient of inconceivable Love.

Who am I, and what have I done to receive such an outpouring of devotion? There's no way, José!

Just to give you an insight of what I'm talking about—a chocolate-covered strawberry from a precious daughter who generously opened her home and life for me to become a participant; a tin of cookies from a couple of long-standing friends who have helped me assuage my grief and kept me in their prayers; a home-made Valentine card, artfully created, and a vase of tulips from a young and multi-talented artist and student of the dance; the freely given gift of acceptance from the volunteers and workers at the hospital who have taught me so much about caring and compassion, and I so look forward to their hugs of greeting.

And there's more: the Thursday night diners and the Sunday morning breakfasters who have allowed me entrance into their circle; the Care and Share group that opened up the door to Life; to all who revealed to me that life is a precious gift to be lived in adoration and humility, to be expended, not held back.

O God, I thank You daily for Your forgiveness, compassion, and steadfast Love. The tears flow so freely.

For Leadership Training, Activity . . .

Past District Governors Club of District 17-O Sponsors Raffle for 40" Sony 1028 HDTV Set

Want to win a new flat-screen TV set? It should be easy. Just purchase a raffle ticket from PDG Neal Nichols (“*Ye Olde Editor*”) for only \$5.00! (News tip from Editor Neal: This just in—the winning ticket has *not* yet been drawn, so yours will have a good chance!)

Proceeds from the raffle will be used to help provide scholarships to the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute and other leadership activities of benefit to Lions throughout the District.

Tickets will also be available at the District Convention in Atchison on March 20-21 and again at the State Convention in Wichita in late May. Other Past District Governors should have a supply of tickets when PDG Neal is sold out! PDG Frank Piepenbring may have a few.

The drawing for the TV will be held at the State Convention.

KSDS Benefit Night at Folly Theater April 1 to Feature “Art of Imagination,” Comedy Magic, Illusions, More

A special show to benefit KSDS (service dog school at Washington, KS) will be held on April 1 at the Folly Theater in downtown Kansas City.

The show will feature Magician Garry Carson and his wife Kelsey Kara. Garry and Kelsey were voted Las Vegas' #1 family attraction for two years running.

The evening promises to be an exciting one—grand illusions, exotic animals, comedy magic, and audience participation.

General admission tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased in advance, paid by credit card, by calling KSDS at 785.325.2256. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m., seating will be available at 6:30, and the show will conclude by 9. An autograph session will be available immediately after the show.

100% of ALL ticket sales will go to benefit KSDS.

The Board of Directors discussed this show as a possible club social. More details will be announced at the meetings of March 14 and March 21.

We Serve . . . By Earning and Giving Annual Contribution to KU Audio-Reader Program In Amount of \$750 Presented at February 28 Meeting

Another example of the service we provide through the money we earn in our various fund-raising projects is the Audio-Reader Program at the University of Kansas.

Our club presented Peggy Samson, Outreach Coordinator for Audio-Reader, a check for \$750 at the last meeting. Peggy then told about some of the activities and programs that Audio-Reader has been involved in. One of the highlights of her talk was the story of an inner-city high school that has “adopted” Audio-Reader and how both KU and the Detroit kids are benefiting from the relationship.



At right, Big Lion Beverly Nichols presents the check to Peggy.

Convention Registration Deadline Is Extended

District Governor Peggy Jacobson announced last week that the deadline to register for the District 17-O Convention in Atchison has been extended until March 11. Several Overland Park Host members will be in attendance. Why don't you join them for the festivities and fun? An application form is on the next page. Print it off and mail it, with your check, to Lion Phyllis Scholz in Lancaster or e-mail her your intention to attend and pay when you sign in. NOTE: if you register but don't attend or pay, our club will be billed for your no-show. That will NOT make our treasurer happy!!

Flag Program (continued from page 1)

“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!

**Note the change from what was published in the February Lions' Roar. Flags will be displayed on Sunday, June 14, not Monday, June 15.*

Maybe you've already heard this one . . . It's a real groaner!!

The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Max, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees. The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately.

The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent. The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, “The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,” on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed.

Now old man Ford was more than just a little anti-Semitic, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords. They haggled back and forth for about two hours, and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown.

And so to this day, all Ford air conditioners show *Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max* on the controls.

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

March

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
Program: Tanzania Eye Clinic Mission
Arranged by Lion Paul Roerman
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
Program: Mark Naster speaking on "Habitat for Humanity"
At the Wyndham Garden

April 25 Regular Club meeting

Condensed Treasurer's Reports
(February 2009)

GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT (Administrative Funds)

Beginning Balance \$ 6,240.80

Income:

Meals \$ 64.00

Membership dues 25.00

Tail Twister 48.00

Total Income \$ 137.00

Expenses:

Meals and meeting room 498.00

Total Expenses 498.00

Net Income (\$ -361.00)

Ending Balance \$ 5,879.80

SERVICE ACCOUNT (Projects and Charitable Funds)

Beginning Balance \$ 16,089.95

Income:

"Shoebboxes for Soldiers" income \$ 165.00

Campaign SightFirst II (cookbook)..... 10.00

Total Income \$ 175.00

Expenses:

Service Fund Disbursements

Peace Poster Contest Winner \$ 50.00

Contr. to KU Audio-Reader 750.00

Eyeglasses for indigents 100.00

Total Expenses 900.00

Net income \$ -725.00

Ending Balance \$ 15364.95

A little humor . . . "Duck" before you repeat this one!

A duck walks into a bar and asks the bartender, "Do you have any grapes?"
The bartender says, "No we only sell beer here." The duck leaves.
The next day the duck walks back into the bar and asks the bartender, "Do you have any grapes?"
The bartender says, "No! I told you we only sell beer, and if you ask me again I'm going to nail your beak to the bar." So the duck leaves.
The next day the duck walks back into the bar, and asks the bartender "Do you have any nails?" The bartender says "no."
The duck asks "Do you have any grapes?"

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.*

Paul Roerman (appointed to fill 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*

[Vacant due to Paul Roerman becoming VP] *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.
- Plan now to attend the **International Convention** in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 5-10, 2009.
- Can't go to Minneapolis? Think about going to **Memphis** for the **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**, September 24-26, 2009.
- **Quick!** Who will be **International President** in 2009-2010 and **where is he from?**

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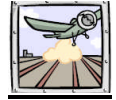


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17-O District Convention, 2009 March 20th and 21st, 2009

"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.

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

has been extended to March 11!

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

No refunds will be made after March 11th.

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