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# The Lions' Roar

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## Major Changes In June, July Meeting Schedules

**Mark these changes on your calendars!** The Board of Directors voted to change June and July meeting schedules as follows:

**June 6:** All club members are encouraged to participate in the Downtown Overland Park *Mardi Gras Day*. As noted in the Big Lion's message, we will be distributing Lions balloons in the children's section. Set-up is from 7 to 8:45 a.m. at the Overland Park Commons. Mardi Gras will last until late afternoon. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next two meetings.

**June 13:** The Board of Directors will meet at 7:45 a.m. at the Wyndham Garden. All members are invited to attend. Any guests who attend will see us in a different "mode"—a business meeting instead of a regular meeting with a program.

**July 4:** Flags up at 6:00 a.m. on Independence Day! Meet for breakfast as usual at Winstead's. Board of Directors meeting postponed for two weeks.

**July 18:** (a third Saturday): Board of Directors meeting at Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall, near 95th and Quivira.

## Welcome, New Member Chris Pucci!



Let's hear a hearty Lions' ROAR for **Chris Pucci**—the newest Overland Park Host Lion! He visited us at both meetings in April and submitted his membership application and entry fee on April 25.

Lion Chris lives in Lake Quivira, KS and has been a self-employed financial services professional for over ten years. His wife's name is Deanna. The couple have one married daughter who lives in Lakewood, Washington.

Chris didn't waste any time getting started on club activities; he's already volunteered to help out on the May 9 Flag work day! A formal induction ceremony will be scheduled for the near future.

Here's the pertinent information you can use to update your 2008-09 Club Directory:

G. Christopher Pucci (Deanna), 128 Terrace Trail West, Lake Quivira, KS 66219. Telephone (home and business) 913-486-3406. Business: Financial Services Professional. E-mail: lakeq52@yahoo.com. Birthday: July 6; Deanna's Birthday: June 7; Anniversary: November 13. Sponsor: Neal Nichols (2009).



## Overland Park Host & KCK Club Branch Hear KSSB Students Sing "Wizard of Oz" Selections



Youngsters from most grade levels sang songs from the "Wizard of Oz" at the Kansas State School for the Blind for the enjoyment of KCK Club Branch Lions and Overland Park Host Lions members on April 14.

Students at the Kansas State School for the Blind entertained Lions from the Kansas City Kansas Club Branch and Overland Park Host Club on Tuesday, April 14 in the cafeteria of the school.

The program included selections from the "Wizard of Oz" musical that the young people had performed in its entirety a few days earlier.

Members from our club who visited were Lions Edson Parker, Mae Claxton, Ken and Carole Collyard, Frank Piepenbring, Paul Roemerma, and Neal and Beverly Nichols.

The students' performance was an effort to raise funds to cover the expenses of the Spring Prom and dinner. The Turner Lions Club donated \$100, OP Host donated \$50, and individual Lions added enough in a "pass-the-hat" collection to bring the total to over \$500.

Club Branch members and staff personnel of KSSB expressed their deep appreciation for the efforts our club has made to help them out.

The program was directed by Della Molloy, KSSB music teacher, and Erin Kelly, KSSB activities director for the school dorm.

This fund-raiser was the second major project between the Host Lions and the KCK Club Branch. Last September, the Branch members profited by selling popcorn from our booth at the Downtown Overland Park Festival.

At right above, Jonathon Schmidt, a senior at the Kansas State School for the Blind, entertains the crowd on April 14 with his renditions of several Irish songs and ballads. At left (foreground), are members of the KCK Club Branch. (PDG David Hentges, in red shirt, a member of the Turner Lions Club, is Guiding Lion for the Branch.) At left (background) are the Overland Park Host Lions who attended.



**Stark(s) Reality**  
(Written in early April)

One morning, on the way home from running errands, I was listening to music from my car's radio when a song came on that brought tears to my eyes and put a lump in my throat. It was an old recording by Vern Goslin titled "Chiseled in Stone." It states, "You don't know lonely til it's chiseled in stone." Boy! That sure hit home. Sometimes music and poetry can really capture a moment, so to speak, and in this instance for me, it certainly did. It surely resonated with me.



Another song that's dear to my heart is that oldie titled "Help Me Make It Through the Night." I often sing, hum or whistle it while I'm driving, reading or musing. Of course, there's that other oldie I've mentioned before, "I Can't Stop Loving You." One of the phrases that's so vivid to me is the verse that related, "They say that time heals a broken heart, but time has stood still since we've been apart." I suppose time *does* heal in time—but sometimes time seems to take an eternity!

In my memory, it was a sage, a poet or a dreamer who opined, "Music soothes the savage beast," and as for me, I'm a true believer. What with music soothing and time healing, I hope to see the light at the end of the tunnel some sweet day. Til then I guess I'll just have to trust my tunnel vision. Ha!

It appears that winter is reluctant to release its icy grip, with snow flurries and frigid winds blasting here a week before Easter. Yet spring has made its presence known with the stunning beauty of the pear and redbud trees and the iridescent glow of the emerald green grass.

There is a rhythm to all of life—the throb of the heart, the sequence of the days and nights, the ebb and flow of the tides, the ever-steady passage of the seasons. As so eloquently stated in the "Good Book," There is a time for everything!

When the BEAT takes over, my body, soul and feet respond to the rhythm, and I must dance.

—by *Lion Ben Starks*

**Candy Day Work Schedule Reminder**



Candy Days are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 8 and 9, at the Hy-Vee store located at 6801 West 91st Street (about a couple of blocks east of Metcalf on the north side of the street).

The Lions listed below have signed up. Please be sure to fill your time slot or get someone to take your place if plans have changed.

|                    | <u>Friday</u>                    | <u>Saturday</u>  |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>9:30-11:00:</b> | Edson Parker<br>Ron Bloome       | Carole Collyard<br>Janette Reh                           |
| <b>11:30-1:30:</b> | Ken Collyard<br>Art Meganck      | Larry Lavelly<br><i>(not yet filled at "press time")</i> |
| <b>1:30-3:30:</b>  | Roger Claxton<br>Beverly Nichols | Neal Nichols<br>Chuck Binau                              |
| <b>3:30-5:30:</b>  | Mae Claxton<br>Bob Larson        | <u>Ending at 3:30 on Saturday.</u>                       |

**President-Elect Bob Larson to Lead Special Seminar For Overland Park Chamber of Commerce Members**

Our own Big Lion-Elect Bob Larson will conduct a special seminar, "Advertising, Marketing, and Promotion," for members of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, May 19, from 8 to 10 a.m.. The hands-on presentation is designed to help attendees understand, create and appreciate local newspaper and television advertising. Advantages and disadvantages of a host of other media and marketing techniques also will be highlighted. The session will be held at the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce Office 9001 West 110th Street (Corporate Woods Bldg. #29).

A registration fee of \$25 for Chamber members will be charged.

**The President's Message . . .**



May is a busy month, as you can see by looking at the calendar of activities, but I want to emphasize a couple of areas.

First, don't miss the **Fifty-Second Anniversary Dinner** This Saturday evening, May 9. In contrast to past years, when we've had fairly formal events with planned programs, this dinner will be a casual one—with time for visiting and fellowship. At \$5 per person, the price is certainly right! The menu will be pasta with meat balls, tossed salad, and an anniversary cake. The short program will consist of awarding Melvin Jones Fellowships, a Claude DeVorss Fellowship, and a surprise award that you won't want to miss. If you haven't ready confirmed your plans to attend, call Lion Dottie Bloome or me. (See your invitation for details.)

Second, be involved as we gear for this year's **Metcalf Avenue of Flags**. One work day has already been held earlier this week. Lion Art Meganck has scheduled a second work session for Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m. so that Lions who couldn't work on a week day could get out to help with painting curbs, repairing flags, etc. The first Flag raising will be on Saturday, May 16. Every able-bodied Lion as well as many friends and neighbors are needed to accomplish this task each time it is scheduled. Put it on your calendar and recruit someone to come with you. Let your friends see what fun we have completing a worthwhile task.

Adding to the very full schedule on Saturday, both Friday and Saturday May 8 and 9 are Candy Days. Look elsewhere in this newsletter to see the list of Lions who have signed up to work. If your name is not there and you can serve in one of the spots, call Lion Janette Reh.

You need to mark your calendar for some changes in the June and July calendars. On June 6 our club will be participating in the Downtown Overland Park Mardi Gras Days. We'll have a booth to give out Lions balloons to children in attendance, with club members staffing the booth throughout the day. This will count as a regular club meeting, similar to what we do when we serve brats and hotdogs at the Fall Festival. The Board meeting regularly scheduled for that day will be held on June 13 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in lieu of our regular meeting. All club members are invited to attend that Board meeting. The July Board meeting will be on July 18 instead of July 4.

Thanks to Lion Art Meganck for his faithful oversight of the Flag program and to Janette Reh for organizing Candy Days year in and year out.

See you all Saturday night at the anniversary dinner.

—*Big Lion Beverly*

**Program Notes (Past and Future) . . .**

**April 11:** Program about Habitat for Humanity with Mark Naster as speaker. Officers for 2009-2010 were elected.

**April 25:** Janet Reh presented program about Service Dogs. Several guests were present. Chris Pucci submitted Application for Membership.

**May 9** (next meeting): Speaker will be Dr. Anthony Liperuote from Fulk Chiropractic in Olathe.

**May 23:** Speaker from Harvesters—the Community Food Bank.

**June 13:** Board of Directors meeting in lieu of regular club meeting.

**June 27:** Installation of officers by District Governor-Elect Susan McDonald.



**Calendar of Activities**

**May**

May 2 ..... 7:30 a.m., Board of Directors meeting, Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall  
 May 8, 9 ..... Candy Days  
*Hy-Vee Store, 6801 West 91st Street*  
 (South side of 91st Street, about 2 blocks east of Metcalf)  
 May 9 ..... Regular Club meeting  
*At the Wyndham Garden*  
 Dr. Anthony Liperuote (Fulk Chiropractic Team, Olathe), speaker  
 May 9 ..... (Evening) **52nd Anniversary Dinner**  
*Lenexa Community Center, 13420 Oak*  
 (North of West 94th Street, east of Pflumm about a block)  
 May 16 (Saturday) .. Flags up at 6:00 a.m., down at 4 p.m. (Armed Forces Day)  
 May 23 ..... Regular Club meeting  
*At the Wyndham Garden*  
 Program presented by Harvesters—the Community Food Bank  
 May 25 (Monday) ..... Flags up at 6:00 a.m., down at 4 p.m. (Memorial Day)  
 May 28-30 ..... Kansas Lions State Convention  
*Airport Hilton Inn, Wichita*  
*International President Al Brandel and wife Dr. Maureen Murphy: special guests.*

**June**

June 6 ..... Downtown Overland Park Mardi Gras day.  
 Set up at 7:00-8:45 a.m., Shifts to run all day.  
 At Overland Park Commons, 81st and Santa Fe.  
 June 13 ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
*At the Wyndham Garden*  
 (No regular meeting. Members and guests welcome at Board meeting)  
 June 14 (Sunday) ..... Flags up at 6:00 a.m., down at 4 p.m. (Flag Day)  
 June 27 ..... Regular Club meeting  
*At the Wyndham Garden*  
 Installation of Officers by District Governor Elect Susan McDonald

**Next Year's Officers Elected At April 11 Meeting**

Officers for 2009-2010 were elected at the regular club meeting of April 11. The Nominating Committee, comprised of Lions Mae Claxton (chairperson), Paul Roerman and Grant Rogers submitted a slate of candidates, all of whom were elected.

- President: ..... Bob Larson
- 1st Vice President: ..... Neal Nichols
- 2nd Vice President: ..... Paul Roerman
- Secretary: ..... Carole Collyard
- Treasurer: ..... Roger Claxton
- Lion Tamer: ..... Art Meganck
- Tail Twister: ..... Ken Collyard
- Director, 2007-2010 (continuing): ..... Janette Sanders Reh
- Director, 2007-2010 (continuing): ..... Grant Rogers
- Director, 2008-2011 (continuing): ..... Dottie Bloome
- Director, 2009-2011: ..... Edson Parker
- Membership Committee Chairperson: ..... Heather Lanigan
- Membership Committee member (continuing): ..... Grant Rogers
- Membership Committee member: ..... (Vacant)

Next year's Board of Directors will appoint a member to fill the vacant Membership Committee position.

**Did you see in the LION magazine for May . . . ?**

- Announcement of a the photo contest for 2009-2010 and tips on what makes a winning "shot," pages 38-43.
- Tips for recruiting new, young members into Lions Clubs, page 46.
- Lions Learning Center: A Great Resource [for officers and members], page 47.

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**A New Feature in the Roar . . .**

**Anniversaries and Birthdays for May and early June**

**Anniversaries:** Paul and Darla Roerman (May 14); Mae & Roger Claxton (May 17); Jack and Jean Watkins (May 20); Chuck and Twyla Binau (June 5th).

**Birthdays:** Dolores Parker (May 10); Grant Rogers (May 11); Audrey Lavelly (May 19); Bud Turntine (May 27); Chris Claxton (June 2); Deanna Pucci (June 7).

**Condensed Treasurer's Reports**

(April 2009)

**GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT (Administrative Funds)**

|                                      |                      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance</b> .....       | <b>\$ 5,788.15</b>   |
| <b>Income:</b>                       |                      |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b> .....           | <b>\$ 40.00</b>      |
| <b>Tail Twister</b> .....            | <b>22.00</b>         |
| <b>Total Income</b> .....            | <b>\$ 62.00</b>      |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                     |                      |
| <b>Anniversary Celebration</b> ..... | <b>\$ 225.00</b>     |
| <b>Club supplies</b> .....           | <b>408.35</b>        |
| <b>Meals and meeting room</b> .....  | <b>409.46</b>        |
| <b>OPHLC Endowment Fund</b> .....    | <b>50.00</b>         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> .....          | <b>1092.81</b>       |
| <b>Income less expenses</b> .....    | <b>(\$ -1030.81)</b> |
| <b>Ending Balance</b> .....          | <b>\$ 4,597.61</b>   |

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

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance</b> .....                 | <b>\$ 10,319.74</b> |
| <b>Income:</b>                                 |                     |
| <b>Kansas Lions Band Camp</b> .....            | <b>\$ 600.00</b>    |
| <b>Candy Day Income</b> .....                  | <b>1,008.47</b>     |
| <b>Metcalf Avenue of Flags</b> .....           | <b>840.00</b>       |
| <b>Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction</b> .....   | <b>40.00</b>        |
| <b>Total Income</b> .....                      | <b>\$ 2,488.47</b>  |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                               |                     |
| <b>Candy Day Expenses</b> .....                | <b>\$ 150.00</b>    |
| <b>Overland Park Mardi Gras</b> .....          | <b>42.50</b>        |
| <b>Service Fund Disbursements</b>              |                     |
| <b>KS Lions Band Foundation</b> .....          | <b>200.00</b>       |
| <b>Children's Ctr. Visually Impaired</b> ..... | <b>1,000.00</b>     |
| <b>Eyeglasses for indigents</b> .....          | <b>50.00</b>        |
| <b>Kansas Lions Foundation</b> .....           | <b>50.00</b>        |
| <b>KC Blind All-Stars Foundation</b> .....     | <b>50.00</b>        |
| <b>KSSB California Trail/Camp</b> .....        | <b>1,000.00</b>     |
| <b>Tanzania Eye Clinic</b> .....               | <b>500.00</b>       |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> .....                    | <b>3,042.50</b>     |
| <b>Income less expenses</b> .....              | <b>(\$ -554.03)</b> |
| <b>Ending Balance</b> .....                    | <b>\$ 9,585.71</b>  |

**Board of Directors Notes**

**Meeting of May 2 (unofficial notes):** (1) Minutes of April 4 meeting and Treasurer's reports for April accepted. (2) Discussed participation in Overland Park "Mardi Gras" days, June 6, 2009. A reduced price for space was obtained. Club members will give out Lions balloons to children who attend. (3) Approved membership application of Chris Pucci. (4) Approved scholarship awards to three Shawnee Mission high-school seniors. (5) Voted to donate \$200 to a Shawnee Mission East High School student to attend a youth leadership conference in Washington, D.C. this summer. (6) Approved re-imbusement to the Nichols for printing new promotional brochures that members can buy at 15¢ each, put their own names and contact information on the back panel and give to prospects. (7) Changed June and July board meeting dates to avoid conflicts with other activities. (8) Confirmed schedules for Candy Days on May 8 and 9 and Flag preparation work on May 4 and 9.

*You're going to see this note a lot! . . .*

**USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Reminder**

With all the other things we've got going, don't forget to plan for the *USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum* to be held in Memphis, Tennessee September 24-26. Remember that Kansas Lions will be hosting the Forum right here in Overland Park in 2013. By attending this year, you'll see some of the things we need to do when it's OUR turn!

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## ***Think Metcalf Avenue of Flags!***

### *2009 Schedule*

|                  |                    |                         |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>May 16</b>      | <b>Armed Forces Day</b> |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>May 25</b>      | <b>Memorial Day</b>     |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>June 14</b>     | <b>Flag Day</b>         |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>July 4</b>      | <b>Independence Day</b> |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>September 7</b> | <b>Labor Day</b>        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>November 11</b> | <b>Veterans Day</b>     |

*(Flags raised at 6 a.m., lowered at 4 p.m. on each of these dates)*