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August 2009

The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
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This month we have a “Sgt. Joe Friday” newsletter. Remember the old radio (later TV) show “Dragnet”? “Just the facts, Lions, . . . just the facts.” Nothing fancy or overly detailed in this issue.

Program Notes (Past and Future) . . .

July 25. Induction of two new members in special “blindfold” ceremony. Video presentation of International President Eberhard Wirfs theme, “Move to Grow.”

August 8: Scholarship checks to be presented to Shawnee Mission High School students. Students will have an opportunity to tell a little about themselves and their plans for the future. Probable induction of our third new member.

August 22: Speaker: Logan Heley, student at Shawnee Mission East, reporting on his trip to Congressional Youth Leadership Council in Washington, D. C. in July. OPHLC contributed \$200 toward his expenses for the trip. Remarks and musical solo by Tommy Strauser, one of the students we supported at the Kansas Lions State Band in Wichita in May.

September 12. Speakers will be Teresa and Kirk Reh on principles of healthy lifestyles.

September 26. *A working meeting:* the Overland Park Downtown Fall Arts and Crafts Festival at Overland Park commons, 81st and Santa Fe. We will not meet at the Wyndham Garden.

Anniversaries and Birthdays for August and Early September.

Anniversaries: Dale and Billie Warden (*August 14*); Larry and Audrey Lavelly (*August 22*); Jack and Margo Brown (*September 10th*).

Birthdays: Mae Claxton (*August 7*); Louis Adams (*August 12*); Darla Roemerman (*August 14*); Dottie Bloome (*August 21*); Heather Lanigan (*August 25*); Jack McLain (*August 29*); Ron Bloome (*August 30*); Beverly Nichols (*September 2*); Malvina Adams (*September 5*); Jack Brown (*September 9*).

News You NEED to Know . . .

Candy Day: Saturday, August 15 at Hy-Vee, on 91st Street, east of Metcalf. This is a “one-day blitz” (see the Big Lion’s comments on next page). At this Saturday’s meeting, you can sign up to help. **Four Lions per shift will be needed**, as there are two entrances/exits to cover (two Lions per door). Lion Heather Lanigan is coordinating this effort for Lion Janette Reh.

Another Candy Day week-end is scheduled for October 23 and 24, this one to be held at the Hy-Vee store in the 135th and Antioch area. Specific details to follow.

A major change in Labor Day “Metcalf Avenue of Flags” schedule. Flags will be raised on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, rather than on Monday, September 7. Flags will be taken down on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 beginning at 4 p.m. The Board of Directors voted for this experimental change at its meeting of August 1. The rationale behind the decision is that having the Flags along Metcalf for the long holiday week-end would give more exposure of our Club and this project to the public than a single day would. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next two regular meetings. The Calling Committee will also work to remind Lions of these changes.

The **next Board meeting** will be held after Flags are raised on Saturday, September 5 and will be **at Winstead’s, 81st and Metcalf**, not at Mimi’s at Oak Park Mall.

The President's Message for August . . .

By Lion Bob Larson



Congratulations to our three new members: **Michele Taylor**, sponsored by Lion Beverly Nichols; **Cindy Fisher**, sponsored by Past District Governor (PDG) Frank Piepenbring; and **Matt Brown**, sponsored by PDG Neal Nichols.

We now need to keep up the good work and build on these successful recruiting efforts.

A budget for 2009-2010 should be finalized at the September 5 Board of Directors meeting. It will be published in the September *Lions' Roar*. An early preliminary proposal was based on a potential decrease in membership. There is also a possible loss of some revenue from our Metcalf Avenue of Flags program due to the tough economic times many businesses are facing at present. If our membership does turn around due to our recruiting efforts and if revenue for the next six months holds steady or increases, the budget can be reviewed in January and revised to meet current numbers.

In orchestrating our efforts to recruit new members, here are some suggestions for participation:

- The next Overland Park Chamber of Commerce "networking" will be a "Wednesday Wake-Up" on August 12 from 8 to 9 a.m., hosted by Time Warner Cable, 8221 West 119th Street. There is no charge for Chamber members to attend, but reservations must be made by noon, August 11.
- There will be a Chamber Connection on Thursday, August 20 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Chamber office, 9001 West 110th Street (in Corporate Woods). It will be hosted by Kincaid Coach Lions. This free event is an exclusive opportunity for Chamber members to make new contacts and reinforce existing one. Reservations are required. Bring plenty of your OP Host Lions Club business cards and brochures!
- The August "Wednesday Wrap-Up" will be August 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. The host will be Holiday Inn-Overland Park West, 8787 Reeder Road (just east of I-35).

Each of these events is an excellent opportunity to meet service-minded individuals and to discuss the advantages of Lions Club membership with them.

Don't forget: we'll have a one-day "blitz" for Candy Day on Saturday, August 15 at the Hy-Vee store, 6801 West 91st Street. It's not too late to volunteer! A sign-up sheet will be passed around at this Saturday's meeting. A few shifts still need to be filled.

—Big Lion Bob Larson

Summary of Board of Directors Meeting, August 1

Approved minutes of July meeting; accepted Treasurer's report. Account Balances: Service, \$9659; General, \$1728.

Overland Park Day (September 26): Registration with city and payment for booth is done. Roger Claxton and Grant Rogers to help with "heavy stuff"; Mae Claxton, Dottie Bloome, and Carol Collyard to coordinate other phases of the project.

Candy Days: August 15 (Hy-Vee at 91st and Metcalf); October 23-24 (Hy-Vee at 135th and Antioch).

Discussion of contract with Wyndham Garden; guaranteed minimum number of meals is not part of current contract.

Announcement about District Leadership: Bob Campbell (Prairie Village) is Zone Chair and Ray Hess (Gardner Lions) is Regional Membership Advisor (RMA).

Discussion about committees and chairpersons. Most chairs are filled.

As an experiment, the Board decided to change the times and days for Labor Day. Flags will be put up on Sat. @ 6 A.M., but not taken down until Tues @ 4 P.M. The Board Meeting for that day will be held at Winsteads after we put up flags, instead of at Mimi's. Moved by Lion Grant Rogers, seconded by Lion Ron Bloome. Approved.

Lion Brian Lanigan was appointed to serve as Lion Tamer for the rest of this year.

Possible dates for Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction were discussed. April 17 is first choice, followed by April 10 and 24. Lion Carole Collyard will contact Overland Park Christian Church to confirm a date.

Discussed possible sponsorship of a Harlem Ambassadors basketball game in February as fund raiser. Consensus was that it would be too big a project for our club.

Approved purchase of two Lions Club International decals for each member to place on personal automobiles/trucks.

Discussed other ways to publicize our Club, including putting notices of meetings in local papers; obtaining magnetic decals to use on vehicles running Flag routes, taking pictures of business locations that sponsor Flags and framing them for display in the stores or offices.

Discussed whether to buy vests or shirts for members. Newer members tend to prefer shirts. Vests are seen as Lions' "signature," but are losing favor among many Lions Clubs across the country.

Budget for 2009-2010 to be discussed at September 5 Board meeting.

A service project, donating CD's DVD's to Faith Village Clients, is underway. Lion Secretary Carole Collyard will make a flyer for the general membership meeting on August 8.

Board of Directors Approves New Service Activity

The Board of Directors has approved a new service activity for members of our club—donating used CDs and/or DVDs to mentally challenged persons who live in group homes or apartments. State and federal assistance to such facilities is being severely reduced during the current recession, but clients still need entertainment.

Members can bring CDs or DVDs to regular club meetings. The donations will be forwarded to appropriate agencies. NOTE: please ensure that any movies donated are rated G, PG, or PG-13. No so-called “adult” movies should be donated.

Treasurer’s Reports for July 2009

Service Account	General Account
Income	Income
Metcalfe Avenue of Flags \$ 105.00	Meals \$ 1,610.00
SightFirst II (Cook book sales) 10.00	Membership Dues 734.75
Total Income <u>\$ 115.00</u>	Tail Twister 44.00
Expenses (none)	Total Income \$ 2,388.75
	Expenses
	District 17-O Dues \$ 272.10
	Meeting Room and Meals 388.99
	Total Expenses \$ <u>661.09</u>
	Net Income <u>\$ 1,727.66</u>

International Convention Highlights

Ye Olde Editor and Immediate **Past President Lion Beverly Nichols** attended the Lions Club International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 6-10. More than 4,500 Lions were registered as Delegates or Alternate Delegates for voting purposes.

Lion Anne Smarsh, Past Council Chair of Kansas Multiple District 17, was elected to the International Board of Directors. Director Anne lives in Colwich, KS with her husband Tom.

Eberhard Wirfs of Germany was elected International President for 2009-2010. He succeeded *Al Brandel* in office.

Lions from all over the world attended. Two major events were a concert by the Beach Boys and a speech by former United States Secretary of State, **General Colin Powell**. **General Powell** is not only a truly gifted speaker, but he is very humorous as well. Several of his anecdotes had to do with his life as a civilian after leaving the office of Secretary of State.

Convention Shocker! For the first time in the history of the Overland Park Host Lions Club, we were allowed only ONE voting delegate because membership has decreased. For the past several years we were able to certify two delegates, and there was even a time when we were eligible for three. One delegate is allowed for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. Our official membership number at the time of the convention was only 35. Let’s go to work to get our membership back up so more of us can cast ballots!

Sydney, Australia is the site of next year’s convention. You’ll be hearing a lot more about this in the next few months as travel packages and tours are set up.

Why Recruit New Members?

We need more members to help our club grow, of course. But Immediate Past International President Al Brandel stressed this point all through his term of office: Membership is not just about numbers. Every new member gives a club two more hands to work, to serve others. The more hands working, the more effective will be our efforts to improve the lives of the less fortunate right here in our neighbors and all around the world.

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2009 Schedule

Saturday	May 16	Armed Forces Day	<i>Successfully completed! Thanks!</i>
Monday	May 25	Memorial Day	<i>Successfully completed! Thanks!</i>
Sunday	June 14	Flag Day	<i>Successfully completed. Thanks!</i>
Saturday	July 4	Independence Day	<i>Successfully completed. Thanks!</i>

Saturday through Tuesday September 5-8
Labor Day Weekend

(See inside for news about the special Labor Day week-end)

Wednesday November 11 Veterans Day