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# The Lions' Roar

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Overland Park, Kansas  
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## Concession Stand and Balloons Score Big Again in 2009 At Overland Park Fall Festival on the Commons



Who is that masked man? **Lion Bud Turntine** mans the popcorn machine at the September 27 Overland Park Fall Festival. Popcorn was a big hit this year.

Overland Park Host Lions earned a net profit of approximately \$2700 from their efforts at the annual Fall Festival held on September 27 at the Overland Park Commons. Profit might have been greater except the mild weather probably reduced the demand for cold water and soft drinks. There was also competition from other vendors located nearby who were selling food products similar to ours, particularly hot dogs and sausages.

Again this year, balloons emblazoned with the Lions Clubs International logo were a big hit with children at the park. Lion Heather Lanigan suggested that next year a sign be posted stating that the balloons are free. Some parents were reluctant to let their children take one because they thought the balloons were for sale.

A new grill was purchased for this and similar events in the future. It "fires up" more quickly than the old ones, providing a fuel savings because it can be shut off when not needed.

Treasurer Roger Claxton provided a detailed "re-cap" report for the Board of Directors and made suggestions about adjusting the amount of food and other supplies to be purchased for next year's Festival.

Lion Cindy Fisher, a new Lion working this project for the first time said, "I enjoyed the fall festival, in spite of being really tired Saturday evening!"

## Candy Day to be October 24 at 135th Street Hy-Vee

Candy Day will be at the Hy-Vee store, 135th and Antioch, Saturday, October 24, after the regular club meeting. The first two-hour shift will begin at 9:30 and the last one will go from 3:30 to 5:30. Four Lions are needed for each shift, two for each entrance to the store. We received \$638 in donations on August 15 using this format. Rolls of candy, mints and sugar-free mints are available.

A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the meeting of October 10. The Calling Committee will contact all volunteers in advance to remind them of their shifts.

## Surplus Festival Food Items Will Be Available for Sale To Club Members at Saturday's Meeting

*Hot dogs! Brats! Soda Pop! Water!* Get 'em while supplies last and at bargain prices.

Surplus food and drink items from the Overland Park Fall Festival will be available for sale to Lions at Saturday's meeting. Prices are: Hot dogs, \$3 per package of 6. Bratwursts, \$17 per package of 25. Hot-dog buns, 50¢ per package of 8. Soft drinks, \$5 per 20 cans. Water, \$4 per 24 bottles. All money from sales will to the club's service (charity) account.

Any food and drink items unsold after Saturday's meeting will be donated to a group home for developmentally handicapped persons for a cook-out or picnic event.

*New Community Service Project . . .*

## Digital Thermometers Purchased for School Nurses

Two new community service projects have been undertaken by our club since the first of this Lions year.

At the request of school nurses in the Shawnee Mission School District we purchased 200 digital thermometers for distribution to needy families. Nurses said that parents were bringing sick children to school to have their temperatures taken because parents couldn't afford thermometers. This in turn increased exposure of other students to various viruses and illnesses. The supplier used by the district furnished the thermometers for \$3.69 each, or a total cost of \$738. Retail prices at local drug stores range between \$9 and \$10 for similar products.

*Another New Community Service Project . . .*

## Club to Sponsor Cub Scout Pack at Apache Elementary;

A second service activity for the year will be the sponsoring of a Cub Scout Pack at Apache Elementary School in Overland Park.

Lion Paul Roerman tentatively will be our club's representative to the Scout Council, pending completion of the necessary paperwork.

In what might be considered a "vote of confidence" in our club's leadership and service reputation, Lion Carlene Rajala (Shawnee Lions Club) told Beverly Nichols of the need for a sponsoring organization for this Cub Pack, which now has approximately 20 boys as members. Shawnee Lions have sponsored a Cub Pack at another school for the last few years.

Lions Clubs sponsor more Scouting units than any other organization except faith-based groups.

Details on what individual OPHLC members can do to participate in this work will be announced later.

## Anniversaries, Birthdays in October, November

**Anniversaries:** Neal and Beverly Nichols (*October 15*); Al and Cynthia Witwer (*October 27*); Art and Terry Meganck (*November 9*); Grant and Trish Rogers (*November 26*); Jason and Joy Tyrer (*November 27*); and Bob and Linda Larson (*November 30*).

**Birthdays:** Mary Lou Albaugh (*October 17*); Twyla Binau (*October 17*); Linda Larson (*October 26*), Jason Tyrer (*November 15*); Trish Rogers (*November 16th*), and Paul Roerman (*November 18*).

## The President's Message for September . . .

By Lion Bob Larson

The weather was perfect! Actually, it was too perfect during the Overland Park Fall Arts and Crafts Festival held Saturday, September 26. The weather was cool in the morning until the sun came out around 11 o'clock. The cool weather prompted the sale of coffee and donuts, but there were only a small amount of soda sales before the 11 o'clock hour.



Sales were great but slightly lower than last year. Added to our situation was that two new food vendors were competing against us in the same area. One vendor was so close that some of their customers used *our* condiments on their sausages!

Public relations are great! But this was overdoing it!

I want to give special thanks to everybody who assisted. We all worked hard at various times through the day—especially during the lunch hour.

However, project chairman Roger Claxton did a fantastic job of taking over. We also had plenty of ice and the two coolers we were able to borrow made the work so much easier.

Grant Rogers and new member Cindy Fisher also provided super efforts. Lion Cindy even rounded up recruits to help out.

We did have some food items left over, however. We may have overcompensated for last year, when we sold out of the key items—brats, hot dogs, soda, etc. We did use some of the leftovers during our Board of Directors meeting on October 3 (it was changed to 1 o'clock so we could have a picnic with the goodies after the meeting).

We can offer the remainder for sale after Saturday's meeting [see the article on the front page]. Additional income will make a good sale even better.

Speaking of Saturday! The speaker will be Paul McDonald, an award-winning member of a local Toastmasters Club who hopes someday to be a "world champion speaker." His talk is titled "Stone Soup and Success." He is employed as a financial adviser with Waddell and Reed.

See you Saturday morning!

—*Big Lion Bob Larson*



Lions Louie Adams (left) and Chuck Binau demonstrate their special technique for turning hot dogs and bratwursts. A new grill purchased this year made the cooking process faster, more efficient and more comfortable for the cooking crew.

## Eyeglasses Sorting Party Scheduled for October 10, With Pizza Ordered In Afterward at the Nichols'

An eyeglasses "sorting party" will be held at Neal and Beverly Nichols' home (6116 West 85th Terrace, between Lamar and Woodson) on Saturday afternoon, October 10 from 3:30 until finished. Lots of member volunteers will be need to work on this project! (It's scheduled for afternoon rather than after Saturday's regular club meeting because of prior Saturday morning time commitments by the Nichols.)

Several plastic bags and a few boxfuls of glasses were recently retrieved from Newcomer's garage. (Quite a few boxes full of glasses collected and sorted by the Leawood Lions Club were also picked up.)

Lion Bernard Lee (Scranton Lions Club) will bring a trailer sometime soon to take the glasses to a processing center.

When the sorting and packing is completed Saturday, pizza and soda pop will be ordered for volunteers who care to partake (a donation to help cover costs will be appreciated).

### Summary of October Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting held on Saturday, October 3 at Roger and Mae Claxton's home, 10404 Nieman, Overland Park. Called to order by Big Lion Bob Larson at 1:30 p.m.

Approved minutes of Septembr 5 meeting; accepted Treasurer's report for September. Account Balances: Service, \$10467.50; General, \$5518.42.

Received correspondence from Blue Valley West High School Leo Club thanking OPHLC for financial support for trip to Lions Club International Convention in Minneapolis this past summer.

Received correspondence from Lion Andy Hoedl thanking OPHLC (primarily Ron Bloome) for donation of 300 Lions trading pins. Approximately \$70 has been donated thus far to Kansas Lions Sight Foundation from the sale of these pins.

Reviewed "re-cap" and summary of Overland Park Fall Festival activities provided by Treasurer Roger Claxton. Profit was \$2700. This was less than in prior years, possibly due to mild weather and competition with vendors selling similar food and drink products near our booth.

Voted to offer excess food items (soda pop, water, and frozen buns and hot dogs/brats) to club members at cost, money to go back to Service Account.

Approved Lions Carole Collyard, Roger Claxton, Grant Rogers and Neal and Beverly Nichols as committee to look at locations for possible new meeting site.

Reaffirmed decision to hold regular meeting on March 27, 2010 but not to have a guest speaker. Attendance is expected to be small because many OPHLC members and officers will be at District 17-O Convention in Topeka.

Discussed a plan to cooperate with the Leawood Lions Club in determining where each club will place and monitor Lions eyeglass collection boxes.

Approved up to \$200 for purchase of bookcase (or materials for making same) to be donated to group home for developmentally handicappedLio persons.

Received report from Beverly Nichols that 200 digital thermometers were purchased for Shawnee Mission school nurses to distribute to needy families. Cost was \$738 (expenditure approved at September board meeting).



The International President's Logo and Theme for 2009-2010

(Eberhard Wirfs of Germany)

**Recommended Reading . . .**

Grab your copy of the October 2009 issue of *Lion Magazine* and read "Small Town Scores Big," about a special book-sales project of the *McPherson, KS* Lions Club (page 10).

THEN, while you've still got the magazine handy, turn over to page 48 and read "A Look in the Mirror," an article describing some stumbling blocks for recruiting new members.



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

**September 12.** **Teresa Stohs**, executive director of the Arts & Recreation Foundation of Overland Park spoke about various cultural/recreational facilities and activities in our city, including the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead.

**September 26.** *A working meeting:* the Overland Park Downtown Fall Arts and Crafts Festival at Overland Park Commons, 81st and Santa Fe. See story and pictures elsewhere in this issue.

**October 10.** **Paul McDonald**, member of Toastmasters International and award-winning speaker. Topic: "Success and Stone Soup."

**October 24.** **Kirk and Teresa Reh**, AdvoCare. Topic: Nutrition for healthy life styles.

**November 14.** **Eleanor Craig**, Accessible Arts. Topic: Use of Trekkers (talking GPS devises) by KSSB students on this summer's California trail adventure.

**November 28.** **Shawn Benson**, executive director of Hillcrest Transitional Housing of Kansas. Topic: Special housing and training program for homeless individuals in Wyandotte and Johnson Counties.

**Calendar of Activities**

**October**

- October 10 ..... Regular Club Meeting  
At the Wyndham Garden  
*Speaker: Paul McDonald, "Success and Stone Soup"*
- October 10 (3:30 p.m.) ..... Eyeglasses "Sorting Party"  
*Neal and Beverly Nichols' home, 6116 West 85th Terrace  
(Pizza supper to follow if desired)*
- October 22 ..... District 17-O Leadership Training  
Carbondale, KS  
*(For Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, other officers)*
- October 24 ..... Regular Club Meeting  
At the Wyndham Garden  
*Speakers: Kirk and Teresa Reh*
- October 24 ..... Candy Day (9:30 -5:30)  
*Hy-Vee, 135th and Antioch*
- October 24 ..... District 17-O Leadership Training  
Spring Hill, KS  
*(For Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, other officers)*
- October 30-November 1 ..... Kansas Lions State Council Meeting  
*McPherson, KS*

**November**

- November 7 (7:30 a.m.) ..... Board of Directors Meeting  
Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall
- November 11 ..... Veterans Day Flags  
*Up at 6 a.m., Down at 4 p.m.  
Meet at Newcomer's, 82nd and Metcalf*
- November 14 ..... Regular Meeting  
At the Wyndham Garden  
*Speaker: Eleanor Craig, Accessible Arts*
- November 14 (9:30 a.m.) ..... District 17-O Cabinet Meeting  
*Faith Lutheran Church, 67th and Roe, Prairie Village*
- November 28 ..... Regular Meeting  
At the Wyndham Garden  
*Speaker: Shawn Benson, Hillcrest Transitional Housing Kansas*

**A New Look for Overland Park Host Lions!**

Club members can order new polo shirts beginning at Saturday's meeting. Separate men's and women's styles are available—the men's shirts have pockets, the women's do not. Shirts have the official Lions Clubs International Emblem surrounded by "Overland Park Host Lions Club" embroidered in high-quality stitching.



The shirts are available in standard sizes—S, M, L, and XL—in both men's and women's styles.

Prices are \$19.50 for men's shirts and \$18.50 for women's. Extra charges will apply for larger sizes—\$2 for 2XL, \$4 for 3XL, and \$6 for 4XL, men's or women's.

*Payment with order will be required.* You may order as many shirts as you want.

Orders placed at Saturday's meeting could possibly received in time for distributing them to members at the October 24 meeting.

**Treasurer's Reports For September  
General (Operating) Account**

<b>Income</b>	
Membership dues .....	\$ 125.00
Meals .....	204.00
Tail Twister .....	24.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 353.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Equipment .....	\$ 399.00
Supplies, Lions Club Int'l.	317.75
Room and meals for meetings	921.48
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>921.48</b>
<b>Net Income for Month .....</b>	<b><u>(-\$ 568.48)</u></b>

**Service (Project or Charity) Account**

<b>Income</b>	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags .....	\$ 305.00
Overland Park Fall Festival ....	4,981.46
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$5,286.46</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags .....	\$ 276.00
Overland Park Fall Festival..	2,173.70
Cub Scout Pack registration	20.00
Thermometers for nurses.....	738.00
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>3,207.70</b>
<b>Net Income for Month</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,078.76</u></b>

**Boss to a retiring employee:** As a retirement gift, I'm giving you the office clock. I know you've had your eye on it for years!

## Kansas Lions Have Big Presence in Memphis at Recent USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



Pictured above are most of the more than 45 Kansas Lions who attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Memphis, TN, September 24-26. Nearly 2900 Lions from all over the United States and Canada were registered.

OPHLC members Neal and Beverly Nichols worked in several areas as volunteers—the Host Committee office, the Forum store, and helping distribute “Goodie Bags” and registration materials. Their purpose was to learn as much as possible about the inside workings of the Forum, which will come to Overland Park in September 2013.

Lion Neal (AKA *Ye Olde Editor*) says, “If I learned anything in Memphis, it is that we can’t overemphasize the need for plenty of Lions to sign up as volunteers. Lions from all over Kansas and the surrounding states will have to enlist in huge numbers to make the ’13 Forum bigger and better than ever. The Forum in Memphis was great—well organized with outstanding leadership. If there was any weakness, it was that there was a serious lack of volunteers.”

Forums will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (2010), Anchorage, Alaska (2011), and Tampa Bay, Florida (2012). A strong Kansas Lions’ presence in Anchorage to begin promoting the Overland Park Forum is needed. Even more important is to have as many Lions as possible present in Tampa Bay in 2012 because that is where pre-registration for our Forum begins.

In Memphis, over 1250 Lions pre-registered for the Milwaukee Forum! Our challenge is to top that!!

About 60 seminars are scheduled over the three-day Forums. The cover a variety of topics and provide Lions opportunities to develop and improve leadership skills needed at local, District, State, and even International levels of service. **ALL** Lions—from the newest to long-time and seasoned members—can benefit from attending.

And there’s something new every year . . . plan to go more than once!

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A little mugging for the camera during a lull in the action at the Fall Festival. From left, **Big Lion Bob Larson**, **Marcus Long** (a friend recruited to help out by Lion Cindy Fisher), and **Lion Chris Claxton** pose for posterity. (All Fall Festival pictures used in this issue were provided by Lion Roger Claxton. *Ye Olde Editor* thanks him very much.)

From old issues of The Lion Magazine. . .

### Yours for a LAUGH!

**Let a smile be your umbrella and you’ll get a mouthful of rain!**

Winter is the season when we try to keep the house as hot as it was in the summer when we complained about the heat.

**After the leadership-workshop speaker had finished, a woman approached him and said, “You were much better than the speaker we had last summer. He spoke for one hour and said nothing.**

**“Thank you,” the speaker replied.**

**“Yes,” she continued. And you did it in fifteen minutes!”**

Message found in a bottle washed ashore: “I’m marooned on a tropical island with no taxes, no pollution, no traffic, no politicians. Eat your heart out!”

**Minister to parishioner: “I’m sorry your name was inadvertently left off the invitation list to our annual church picnic. Please accept my personal invitation to attend.”**

**Parishioner: “Sorry. It’s too late. I’ve already prayed for rain!”**

No matter what happens, there’s always someone who knew it would!

**Motorist filling out an accident report: “I was backing out of a parking space and by the time I backed out far enough to see what was coming, it already had.”**

**Roger Claxton to Mae: “You think so much of your fishing that you don’t even remember when we were married.**

**Mae: Of course I do. It was the day I caught seven catfish in twenty minutes!**



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**Program Schedule for 2009-10 Club Meetings**

**October 10: Paul McDonald, MBA.** Member of Toastmasters Club and an award-winning speaker. Topic: "Stone Soup and Success."

**October 24: Kirk and Teresa Reh,** AdvoCare Advisors. Topic: "On the Go Nutrition—Healthy Choices" and for Busy Life Styles" and the "Top 10 Things for Healthy Lifestyles."

**November 14: Eleanor Craig,** Accessible Arts. Topic: Kansas State School for the Blind students' summer adventures on the California Trail using Trekker devices (talking GPS units). [*Note: OPHLC contributed funding to help purchase some of the Trekker units.*]

**November 28: Shawn Benson,** executive director, Hillcrest Transitional Housing Kansas. Topic: Special housing and educational/training programs for homeless individuals and families in Wyandotte and Johnson Counties.

**December 12: Breakfast with Santa.** Bring friends and family, especially the kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids. Wrap a present for each child you bring and label it with the child's name printed in large letters so Santa can read it!

**December 26: [No program.]** (*'Twas the night after Christmas and all through the house . . .* )

**January 9: District Governor Susan McDonald** (Auburn Lions Club). Official Visit.

**January 23: Bob Young,** Biz2Biz Connections. Topic: "Networking Your Club to Membership Growth."

**February 13: Dr. Erica Persons,** Ophthalmologist. Topic: 2009 Summer mission/service trip to Tanzania by members of Atonement Lutheran Church. [*Note: OPHLC contributed funding for support of this trip.*]

**February 27: Work Meeting.** Third annual "Shoebboxes for Soldiers" project (filling/addressing boxes for shipping overseas).

**March 13: Lion Cindy Fisher.** Topic: Transitional Special Education programs in the Shawnee Mission School District. [*Special note: First report of Nominating Committee to be made at this meeting.*]

**March 27: Fun and Games! Lions Trivia Bingo** (or something similar). No outside speaker. District 17-O Convention to be held in Topeka March 26-27.

**April 10: Edward Cross,** president, Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, Topeka. Topic: To be announced. [*Special note: Election of 2010-11 OPHLC officers will held at this meeting.*]

**April 24: Warrant Officer Dennis Grayless,** Naval Jr. ROTC Instructor, Shawnee Mission North High School (and possibly some cadets). Topic: The award-winning NJROTC program at SMNHS.

**May 8: David Cunningham,** The Farmers House. Topic: Providing "hands-on" work-skills and training opportunities for autistic persons.

**May 22: Dr. Emmanuel Ngomsi,** president, All World Languages & Cultures, Inc. General topic: Understanding Diversity and World Cultures.

**June 12: Joe Padavic,** Teardrop Video. Topic: Preserving memories through transfer of old photos/movies to CD or DVD format.

**June 26: [Program under construction.]**

**July 3: Special Note: Board of Directors meeting rescheduled for July 17.**

**July 10: District Governor Michele Hufferd** (Louisburg Lions Club). Installation of OPHLC 2010-11 officers.

This program line-up provides a full Lions' year of educational, enlightening, entertaining, informative, and inspirational messages from well-qualified speakers. All presenters are looking forward eagerly to appearing at our meetings.

We can show our appreciation by having as many members and guests as possible present at every meeting throughout the year. Mark your calendars now—every second and fourth Saturday (except December 26). Our very active Calling Committee members will contact you prior to each meeting with reminders.

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## *Think Metcalf Avenue of Flags!*

### *2009 Schedule*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 16</b>	<b>Armed Forces Day</b>	<i>Successfully completed! Thanks!</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 25</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>	<i>Successfully completed! Thanks!</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 14</b>	<b>Flag Day</b>	<i>Successfully completed. Thanks!</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 4</b>	<b>Independence Day</b>	<i>Successfully completed. Thanks!</i>
<b>Sat.-Tues.</b>	<b>Sept. 5-8</b>	<b>Labor Day Weekend</b>	<i>Successfully completed! Thanks!</i>

**Wednesday**

**November 11**

**Veterans Day**