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# The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club  
Overland Park, Kansas  
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## Don't Forget!

### Our New Meeting Place Is Red Robin Restaurant, 95th and Metcalf, Beginning January 9

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

by Lion Bob Larson

As we started off the New Year, many of us no doubt made the usual New Year's Resolutions.



Mine is to make more money in 2010!

But what are some resolutions we all can make to help our Overland Park Host Lions Club?

They might include:

1. Attend more meetings;
2. Sign up for fund-raising projects;
3. Bring at least one guest/prospective member this year;
4. Attend at least one meeting hosted by another Lions Club; **Lion Edson Parker** loves extra company
5. Learn a good prayer so if the president calls upon you, you can give the invocation.
6. And of course, there are others. You've probably thought of some you can add to this list.

Don't forget our new meeting place—the *Red Robin Restaurant, 7111 E. 95th Street* (just west of Metcalf Avenue, between Jack Stack's Bar-B-Q and First Watch).

Also, in January, we have two fine programs scheduled. This week, we will be visited by District Governor Susan McDonald. In two weeks (January 23) Bob Young of Biz2Biz Connections will speak to us about "Networking Our Club to Membership Growth."

One other reminder: the Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally at the Salina Ramada Inn on January 15-17. Register by the end of this week. Registration information is included elsewhere in this issue.

See you Saturday morning!

—*Big Lion Bob*

#### Former Lion Don Pinkston Undergoes Cancer Surgery

**Don Pinkston**, a long-time OPHLC member, had surgery to remove a cancerous colon tumor on Wednesday, December 30.

**Lion Art Meganck** has been in contact with Don and reports that the operation went well. Don is now at home recuperating from the operation.

Don was a hard-working Lion and very dedicated to the Metcalf Avenue of Flags program during his years of service as part of the club.

Lion Art says, "I am sure he would appreciate the well wishes from our membership." Cards or letters can be sent to Don Pinkston, 13810 Metcalf, Apt.12309; Overland Park KS 66223. His phone number is Ph 913-888-7121

#### District Governor's Official Visit Will Be First Program of New Year at New Location

On January 9, Host Lions will begin meeting at *Red Robin Restaurant*, 7111 West 95th Street in Overland Park. (It's just across the drive from Jack Stack's Bar-B-Q and a bit east of First Watch—on the southwest corner of 95th and Metcalf.)

**District Governor Susan McDonald** (*Auburn Lions Club*) will be the program speaker Saturday, making her annual official visit to our Club.

*Red Robin* has a separate meeting room that seats up to 55 persons comfortably. Because the restaurant is not open to the public in the early mornings, there will be plenty of additional seats in the general dining area if we should need the extra space to accommodate any extra-large crowd, such as the annual Breakfast with Santa meeting.

#### State Convention: News Worth Repeating . . .

##### Get Up a Foursome for June 3 Golf Tournament

Next June's Kansas Lions State Convention will kick off with an 18-hole benefit golf tournament on Thursday, June 3. The tournament will be played at Ironhorse Golf Club in Leawood. A scramble start will begin at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Proceeds from the tournament will be contributed to the three service-dog programs supported by Kansas Lions—Leader Dogs for the Blind School in Michigan and KSDS and CARES schools in north-central Kansas.

Entry fees for individual golfers will be \$125 and for teams of four, \$400 (or \$100 per member).

Hole sponsors are needed as well as individuals or businesses that would be willing to donate prizes. If you have ideas for these important fund-raising aspects of the tournament, please contact PDG Wes Moore of the Lenexa Lions Club.

A bar-b-que dinner and program will be held at Ironhorse in the evening for all golfers (Lions or not) and for all other Lions and guests who arrive for the Convention on Thursday.

For more details, copy this link and paste into your computer:

<http://www.golfdigestplanner.com/13811LionsClubGolfClassic/index.html>.

**NOTE:** The "Registration" link on the web site page should be activated in just a few days.

**Teresa Reh** is overall coordinator of the tournament, volunteering her time and effort on behalf of the dogs programs.

Plan now to be part of the fun and festivities!

#### Watch for Flag Program Work-Day Announcements

With several inches of snow on the ground, it's hard to believe that Armed Forces Day (May15) is "just around the corner." But several maintenance and other projects in preparation for the season will have to be done. Watch for announcements about these and be ready to help out.

*A New Column: Lions Orientation and Refresher Information*

**Where Does Your Dues Money Go?**

PDG Lion JoAnn Mayo (Shawnee Lions Club) is District MERL Retention Chairman for the 2009-2010 Lions year. Part of the committee's responsibility is to help keep members informed about the operation of Lions Clubs at the International, state, and district levels. (PDG is the abbreviation for **P**ast **D**istrict **G**overnor and MERL stands for **M**embership, **E**xtension, **R**etention, **L**eadership.)

For this month, she has provided information about our dues and what we get for them.

Annual **Lions International-dues** for regular members are \$39.00. Clubs are billed \$19.50 per member on January 1 and July 1 each year. State and sub-district dues as described below are included in these semi-annual billings.

**Kansas Lions** state—known as Multiple District 17—*dues* are \$11.30 per member annually. Clubs are billed \$5.65 every six months for each member.

**District 17-O dues** are \$3.50 per member annually. Clubs are billed \$1.75 every six month for each member. NOTE: District dues include a \$1 fee to help cover District Convention expenses.

Every **new member** pays a \$25 *entrance fee* that goes directly to Lions Clubs International. There is no entrance fee at the State or District level. Clubs can charge an entrance fee if they choose to do so. At this time, OPHLC does not charge an additional entrance fee, but the idea is under consideration.

Lions International prorates and bills for *dues* from the date of enrollment to the beginning of the next billing cycle. (The entrance fee is *not* prorated.) State and districts bill clubs for new members at the start of the next six-month cycle.

There are **special dues programs** for family members, full-time students, and former Leo Club members. Family members (spouses and/or children over the age of 18 who live in the same household as a Lions member—up to four) pay *no entrance fee* and only *half the regular dues* to LCI and District 17-O. Full time students under the age of 30 and former Leos who become Lions are eligible for the same entry-fee and dues level as family members.

At this time, MD-17 does not have a half-dues program for any members.

**WHAT OUR DUES HELP PAY FOR**

**INTERNATIONAL:** The *Lion* magazine, International Convention, leadership training program, certain expenses incurred by the District Governor, District and Club administration department, Club programs and literature, field operations, telephone and legal expenses, International headquarters operation, Liability insurance and reserve funds.

**STATE:** State office operation, State Council meetings and expenses, Membership and Extension programs, certain International convention expenses, Kansas-International fund, *Kansas Lions News* paper and some expenses connected with the annual State Convention.

**DISTRICT:** Cabinet meetings, leadership training, District Convention, awards, International Convention or USA/Canada travel allowances for District officers, and operating expenses for Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer and District Governor's newsletter.

**CLUB:** Office supplies, club supplies and awards from LCI, flowers/cards for members, newsletters and any other non-charity expenses. (Dues money and money collected from the public through fund-raising activities must be kept in separate accounts.)

*And speaking of where your money goes, here are the . . .*

**Treasurer's Reports for December**

**General (Operating) Account**

<b>Income</b>	
Club Shirts Income .....	\$ 19.50
Breakfast with Santa .....	198.00
Meals .....	99.00
Membership Dues .....	200.00
Tail Twister .....	7.50
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 524.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Newsletter expense, postage .....	\$ 85.06
Misc. Candy Day expense (signs) .....	144.24
Santa Claus Honorarium .....	50.00
Gratuity to Wyndham Garden server .....	59.00 *
Room and Meals, Meetings .....	353.28
<b>Total Expense .....</b>	<b>\$ 691.58</b>
<b>Net Income for Month .....</b>	<b>(- \$ 167.58)</b>
* Total Gratuity was \$100; members have contributed \$41.	

**Service (Project or Charity) Account**

<b>Income</b>	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags.....	\$ 1200.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Supplies, Cub Scout Pack #3254 .....	\$157.00
<b>Total Expense .....</b>	<b>\$ 157.00</b>
<b>Net Income for Month .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,043.00</b>

**Calendar of Activities**

**January**

- January 9 ..... Regular Meeting  
Program: District Governor's Official Visit  
*New meeting place! Red Robin Restaurant, 7111 West 95th Street*
- January 15-17, 2010** ..... **Mid-Winter Rally, Salina**
- January 23 ..... Regular Meeting  
Program: Bob Young (Biz2Biz Connections),  
"Networking Your Club to Membership Growth"  
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**February**

- February 6 ..... Board of Directors meeting  
*Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall*
- February 13 ..... Regular Meeting, Red Robin Restaurant  
Program: Dr. Erica Person, "Tanzania Medical Trip"
- February 27 ..... Regular meeting, Red Robin Restaurant  
Program: A working meeting--Preparing "Shoebboxes for Soldiers"

*And . . . looking down the road (or across the sea!)*—

- March 27, 28** ..... **District 17-O District Convention, Topeka**  
*Details to be announced*
- June 3-5, 2010** ..... **Kansas Lions State Convention, Olathe**  
*Remember, Overland Park Host Lions Club is the convention host club!*  
*Be ready to help out when called on to serve!*
- June 28 – July 2, 2010** ..... **Lions Clubs International Convention**  
*Sydney Australia*

**And Now For a Chuckle or Two . . .**

Zoe Ralph (Lanigan): How do you make a hot dog stand?  
Michele Taylor: I don't know, Zoe. How DO you make a hot dog stand?  
Zoe: Simple. You take away its chair!

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*Lion Heather Lanigan led Christmas-carol singing at our Breakfast with Santa meeting on December 12.*

### **2009-2010 Club Membership Directories Still Available**

New membership directories are available from **Lion Grant Rogers**. One copy is provided to each member at no cost. Grant announced at the last Board meeting that copies have been mailed to members who have not attended recent meetings. All members should now have at least one copy. If you don't yours yet, call Grant at 913-231-2527 (his cell phone).

Extra copies are available for purchase. Grant suggested the price of \$2 each to cover the cost of printing.

### **Anniversaries, Birthdays in January, February**

**Anniversaries:** Louis and Malvina Adams (January 7).

**Birthdays:** Cindy Fisher (January 12); Terry Meganck, (January 17); Lavern Mausolf (January 23); Dale Warden (January 27); Neal Nichols (February 4); Phebe Stone ((February 5); Bob Larson (February 8); Earl McIntosh (February 11); Kristen Trainor (February 11); Larry Reh (February 12); Jack Watkins (February 19); Jean Watkins (February 28).



**USA/CANADA  
LIONS  
LEADERSHIP FORUM**

**2010: Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

**2011: Anchorage, Alaska**

**2012: Tampa Bay, Florida**

**2013: OVERLAND PARK KANSAS!**

**2014: San Juan, Puerto Rico**

### **Another Item Worth Repeating . . .**

### **Register Now for Mid-Winter Rally in Salina, January 15-17, For Food, Fellowship and Fun!**

Time for the 2010 Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally is almost upon us! The Rally will be January 15-17 at the Ramada Inn, 1616 W. Crawford, Salina, KS (formerly the Holiday Inn).

Motel rooms can be reserved at a rate of \$79.00 per night. The deadline for reservations at this special price was December 30th, 2009 but perhaps you can still get in on it. To book your rooms call 785-823-1739.

For Sunday's return trip home, perhaps we Overland Park "Host-ers" could plan a family-style fried-chicken-with-all-the-fixin's lunch at the Brookville Hotel in Abilene. (It's just off I-70 at Exit 275.) Reservations are a "must," so let's plan early!

### **Summary of January Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting held on Saturday, January 2 at Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall, Overland Park. Called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Big Lion Bob Larson.

**Edson Parker** shared information about Pepsi-Cola company withdrawing television advertising from 2010 Super Bowl. PepsiCo reportedly is earmarking 2010 marketing dollars for cause-related marketing, including \$20 million for community project grants. More details are online at

<http://www.foodprocessing.com/industrynews/2009/179.html>.

(Editor's note: This is only one site of several that can be viewed.

Make a "Google" search by entering "Pepsi Cola and Super Bowl.")

Approved minutes of December 5 meeting; accepted Treasurer's report for December. Account Balances: General, \$3,559.95; Service, \$11,995.32.

Heard report from committee on fund-raising projects. Consensus of committee and of Board was that club members do not respond well to appeals for selling items. Committee will continue to explore new sources for funds.

Announcements: (1) February 27 meeting to be devoted to completing annual "Shoebboxes for Soldiers" project. **Beverly Nichols** to prepare publicity materials (2) Annual Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction to be on April 17 at the Overland Park Christian Church. Dinner and auction from 5 to 9. (3) **Grant Rogers** to post information about 2010 scholarships on club's web site. Applications open to high school seniors residing in Overland Park or attending a high school located in Overland Park (including Blue Valley schools as well as Shawnee Mission. (4) New brochures and business cards are needed due to change in meeting place. New informational street-side/highway signs needed to replace current signs with "Wyndham" still on them.



*Santa Claus (AKA Don Robinson) enjoys a laugh with Greg Rogers, son of Lion Grant and Trish Rogers.*

*More Scenes from Breakfast With Santa, December 12, 2009*



*Elizabeth, grand-daughter of **Lion Darrel and Phebe Stone**, inspects her gift from Santa. What is Santa trying to do with that candy cane?*



*Above: Something caught the eye of Santa and Jack Trainor, son of **Lion Greg and Kristen Trainor**, just as the camera was snapped. Below: All Jordan Nichols (grandson of **Lions Neal and Beverly**) wants to do is escape Santa's clutches!*



*Christian, Samantha, and James – grandchildren of **Lions Mae and Roger Claxton**—certainly put a smile on Santa's face. James is the son of **Lion Chris Claxton**.*



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**MID-WINTER RALLY REGISTRATION and MEAL RESERVATION FORM**

List any special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ *Check One* Lion  Leo  Guest   
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Street Address or P. O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions or Leo Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District 17- (circle one): L I **O** N S

Mail meal reservations only to: Lion Toni Brauer, 1414 Dover Rd., McPherson, KS 67460

Telephone: 620-241-8241

E-mail: tonig3325@gmail.com

Registration:..... # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 3.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friday Dinner, 6:30 pm. (*Yankee Pot Roast*) ..... # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday Lunch, 11:45 am. (*Italian Buffet*) ..... # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday evening banquet, 6:30 pm. (*Napa Valley Chicken*) . # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 (*Tax and gratuity included for all meals*)

**OR Meal Package (includes all 3 meals and registration fee)** # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

(Make checks payable to Mid Winter Rally)

**Remember: Final date for meal reservations is FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2010.**