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The President's Message for April . . .

by Lion Bob Larson

It was gratifying to see so many people at the last regular meeting in spite of the fact that five of our members were attending the District Convention in Topeka.

The "Shoebboxes for Soldiers" project exceeded expectations and over 70 boxes were sent to Iraq. Moreover, a few extra boxes were sent to Afghanistan.



boxes

I was disappointed that only one of the photos that Lion Neal sent to the *Johnson County Sun* was included in the newspaper. We did get fairly good coverage, however. Our continuing partnership with the Shawnee Mission school nurses got a half-page story about the "Shoebboxes" effort in the March 24 issue.

Certainly kudos should go to **Mae Claxton, Beverly Nichols, Carol Collyard** and others such as the KCK Downtown and Turner Lions Clubs and the Shawnee Mission school nurses.

Spring is "right around the corner" (thank goodness) and our first flag day is May 15. **Roger Claxton** has informed us that one or two days of "prep" time will be needed to get ready for the season. All Flags need to be inspected for fading or fraying and replaced where necessary. Several poles will have to be repaired or refinished and some new poles need to be sanded and varnished to be ready for service. Curb and sidewalk stripes and all corks need fresh paint.

The Flag Operations Committee has scheduled a work day for this coming Saturday, April 10 immediately following our regular meeting.

We are still looking for creative ways to honor and recognize our Flag Days sponsors. Newspaper advertising recognition is simply too expensive. So, bring your ideas to the next meeting.

Saturday's meeting, by the way, will feature **Mr. Edward Cross**, president of the Kansas Independent Gas and Oil Association in Topeka. Let's have a big turnout to welcome him.

See you there!

—*Big Lion Bob*

Special Recognition Scheduled for April 24

Lion **Carleen Rajala**, a member of the Shawnee Lions Club, will be honored by our club at the regular meeting of April 24 for her contribution to Cub Scout 3254.

Lion Carleen played a leading role in getting our club involved in sponsoring the Cub Pack at Apache Elementary School. In addition, she purchased uniform shirts for all the boys in the Pack. Many Apache elementary students come from low-income families and could not afford to buy their own Cub Scout uniforms.

The Cubs have signed a large hand-made "Thank You" card and representatives of the Pack will present the card to Carleen at the meeting on April 24.

Fourth Annual Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction Coming Up at Overland Park Christian Church

April promises better weather for our annual Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction, scheduled for April 17, from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Overland Park Christian Church, 7600 W. 75th Street (75th and Lowell). (*Remember the seven inches of snow in March last year?*)

We need you to:

- **Sell tickets to your friends and acquaintances.** Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 11. Desserts will be available for an additional \$1.50 per dessert. More tickets will be available at the meeting on Saturday, April 10. If you can't be at the meeting call Lion **Beverly Nichols** and she will deliver tickets to you.

- **Provide items for the Silent Auction.** Contact Lion **Mae Claxton** to notify her of what you will be contributing.

- **Help with set-up between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., in the kitchen.**

- **Help with desserts from 5-8 p.m.**

- **Help with clean-up at 8 p.m. until complete.**

- **Bring your family, enjoy the food, and bid on items at the auction!**

District Convention Highlights . . .

OP Host Lions Bring Home Two Great Prizes!

The "designing women" of the Overland Park Host Lions Club have done it again. **Their creations won two first-place prizes at the District 17-O convention in Topeka on March 26, 27.** (*See picture on page 2.*)

Lions **Dottie Bloome, Mae Claxton, Dottie Bloome and Cindy Fisher** were primarily responsible for these entries. Prizes were presented at the Saturday night banquet by **District Governor Susan McDonald.**

Their "Redneck's Basket and Wind Chime" was voted the **most unique of all theme baskets** and **their table centerpiece was also voted the best.** And—"best" of all—the theme basket also earned our club a cash prize of \$50.

The Redneck's Wind Chime featured several empty beer cans tied to rattle when the wind blows. **Lion Mae** says there is absolutely no truth to the rumor that she had to drink the brew from all the cans before the chime was made.

A major highlight of the business session was the election of our own Lion Beverly Nichols as 2nd Vice District Governor.

Another highlight of the convention was Friday night's "Dr. Love's Traveling Sponsorship Show," a teaching parody about new-member sponsors and some of the mistakes they make in "mis"-treating the new Lions they bring into their clubs. The "Show" is a creation of International Director Dr. Jeremiah Myers of Kodiak, Alaska. He has presented it at two recent USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums.

District-level Peace Poster Contest winners were recognized at the Saturday noon luncheon. **Ahna Valdez**, OP Host's winner and district runner-up, and her parents were guests.

International Director Myers, presented a Certificate of Appreciation from Lions Clubs International President Eberhard Wirfs to **PDG Neal Nichols** for his service on behalf of the 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held in Overland Park.



Lions Carole Collyard and Mae Claxton show off the table centerpiece that was voted best of them all at the recent District 17-O convention in Topeka. Centerpieces had to reflect District Governor Susan McDonald's 2009-2010 theme: "Lighting the path to growth" and incorporate a lighthouse into the setting. {Unfortunately there is not a picture of the winning theme basket and wind chime.}

OP Mayor's Prayer Breakfast to be April 15

The Overland Park Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Thursday morning, April 15 at the Marriott Hotel, 10800 Metcalf. This annual even is sponsored by the Kansas City Christian Business Men's Committee (CBMC) and is open to the public.

Tickets are \$15 each. A table for 10 can be reserved at \$150. For \$250 a "corporate table" can be reserved. The extra \$100 is considered a donation and at the breakfast, the names of organizations or business sponsoring "corporate tables" are announced to the crowd.

At the board meeting last Saturday, several members expressed an interest in attending. A further opportunity to sign up will be presented at the regular club meeting on April 10.

A number of Overland Park Host Lions attended the even last year and heard former soccer great Goran Hunjak speak.

Karen Kornacki of KMBC-TV will be the featured speaker this year.



Even the kids got in on the act during the February "Shoebboxes for Soldiers" work session. Jack Trainor, son of Lion Greg Trainor, and Zoe Ralph, daughter of Lions Heather and Bryan Lanigan, affixed colorful Easter-season stickers to the packed and sealed boxes.

Sign up Saturday to help out . . .

Candy Day to be on Saturday, April 24

The next Candy Day will be held on April 24 at the Hy-Vee, 6801 West 91st Street (a couple of blocks east of Metcalf on the south side of 91st). The first shift will begin immediately following the regular Club meeting on that day.

Other shifts will be from 11:30-1:30; 1:30-3:30; and 3:30-5:30 p.m. Four Lions are needed to work each shift as we cover two entrances to the store.

A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the April 10 meeting. (The 9:30 shift is already filled but most others are still open.)

Lion Janette Reh is this year's Candy Day chairperson for our Club.

Welcome, New Member Christine Nichols!

Let's have a roaring Lions' welcome for our newest member, Christine Nichols. Christine's membership application was approved by the Board of Directors on April 3. Her sponsor is her mother-in-law, Lion Beverly Nichols. She and her husband Brian have a soon-to-be three-year-old son Jordan.

An induction ceremony will be scheduled in the near future.

Here's the pertinent information to add to your directories:

Christine Nichols (Brian); 10315 Long, Overland Park, KS 66215. Telephone: 913-302-7548 (cell).

E-mail: onetalljewelrygal@hotmail.com.

Anniversary: February 19. Birthday: May 4.

New Officers to be Elected at Saturday's Meeting

Officers for 2010-11 will be elected at this week's meeting. A secret ballot is required by the Constitution and By-Laws.

Nominating committee members are **Grant Rogers**, chair; **Mae Claxton**, and **Edson Parker**. They have submitted the following slate of candidates (all of whom are Lions, of course!):

- President:** Neal Nichols
- 1st Vice President:** Paul Roerman
- 2nd Vice President:** Chris Pucci
- Treasurer:** Roger Claxton
- Secretary:** Carole Collyard
- Tail Twister:** Ken Collyard
- Membership Committee:** .. Beverly Nichols (Chair)
- Membership Committee:** Grant Rogers (Vice-Chair)
- Membership Committee:** ... Cindy Fisher (Member)
- Lion Tamer:** Bryan Lanigan
- Director 2010-2012:** Mae Claxton
- Director 2010-2012:** Heather Lanigan
- Directors continuing in office:**

Edson Parker (2009-2011)
Dottie Bloome (2008-2011).

Immediate Past President: Bob Larson

The new leaders take office on July 1. **Michelle Hufferd**, Louisburg Lions Club, who will be District Governor next year will install the new officers at the regular meeting of July 10.

The first official meeting of the new Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, July 17 at Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall.

And now for a bit of humor . . .

It was so breezy around here one day earlier this week that a farmer in rural Johnson County saw one of his hens turn her back to the wind and lay the same egg six times!

Here's a variation on one of the old stand-bys. Why did the fried chicken cross the road? She saw a fork ahead.

Adapted from *A Prairie Home Companion Pretty Good Joke Book*

History Repeats Itself! . . .***How Overland Park Host Lions Can Help at the 2010 Kansas Lions State Convention in Olathe***

by Lion Beverly Nichols

Ten years ago the Kansas State Lions Convention was held at the Holiday Inn in Olathe. The Overland Park Host Lions Club, under the leadership of PDG **Frank Piepenbring** and Lion **Don Pinkston**, was solely responsible for the organization of the convention.

It has taken a decade for the convention to roll around to this area again, but once more Overland Park Host Lions are taking the lead in the planning and organization. This year, however, we *are* calling on several other clubs in District 17-O to help in various ways. The convention will be held at the Olathe Holiday Inn, June 3 - 5.

How can you, as an Overland Park Host Lion, help with the convention?

- Register for the convention and attend as many events as possible! See me for a registration form.
- If you are a golfer, round up a foursome to participate in the tournament that will benefit service dog programs. If you're not a golfer but have friends who are, recruit them to play!
- Contribute goodies—sweets, vegetables, fruits—for the hospitality room. We'll need lots of them for the 250-300 Lions who are expected to attend. Contact Lion JoAnn Mayo of the Shawnee Lions Club at jlmayo@sprintmail.com to let her know what you will bring.
- Help our creative ladies (Lions **Dottie Bloome**, **Mae Claxton**, and **Carole Collyard**) with a theme basket for the convention. Ask them what you can do or what you can contribute.
- Got a business you want to advertise? Put an ad in the program booklet. I will provide you with appropriate forms and other information.

Don't miss this great opportunity to attend a state convention right here in our own back yard.

Editor's Note: Lion Beverly is chairperson of the 2010 Kansas State Lions Convention Committee (Ye Olde Editor is a co-chair and helps out a little.)

Reminder: Mark your calendars!***2010 Metcalf Avenue of Flags Schedule***

Flags will be posted on six major holidays. On three of those occasions, Flags will stay up for two or three days—a full week-end—depending on the occasion.

A work day is scheduled for Saturday, following our regular meeting. Meet at Newcomer's Chapel garage, 82nd and Metcalf. Several "chores" need to be performed to have all in readiness for the new season. Plan to spend a few hours helping out—"many hands make light work!"

Armed Forces Day. Saturday, May 15. Flags go up at 6 a.m. and come down at 4 p.m.

Memorial Day. Flags go up on **Saturday, May 29** at 6 a.m. and remain up until 4 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 1**.

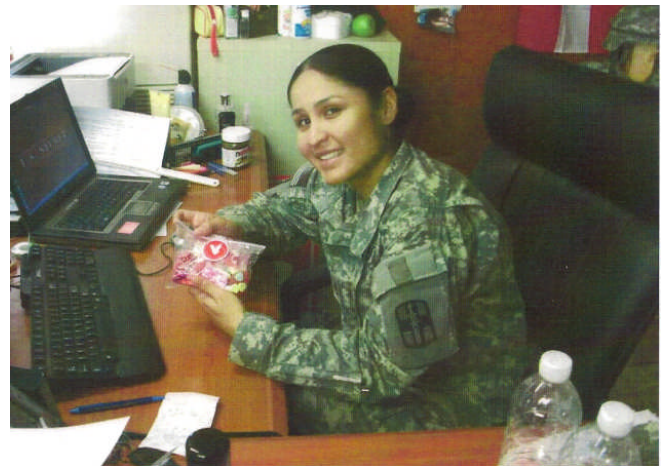
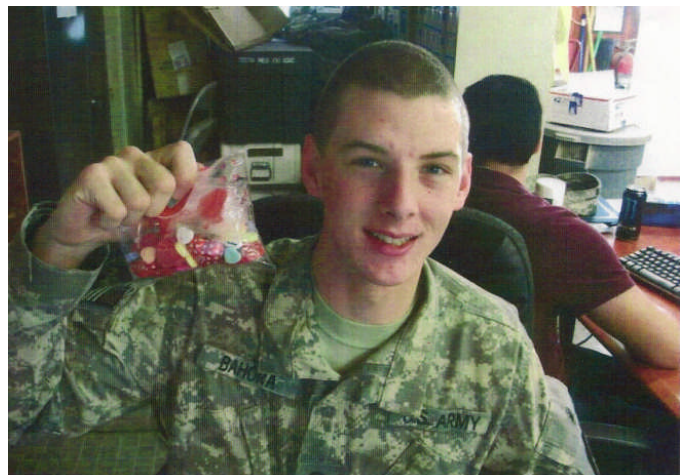
Flag Day, Monday, June 14. Flags go up at 6 a.m. and come down at 4 p.m.

Independence Day. July 4. Flags go up on **Saturday, July 3** and remain up until 4 p.m. on **Tuesday, July 6**,

Labor Day: Flags go up at 6 a.m. on **Saturday, September 4** and remain up until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, **September 7**.

Veterans Day. Thursday November 11. Flags go up at 6 a.m. and down at 4 p.m.

The schedule is contingent on weather conditions as in the past.

Shoeboxes for Soldiers Make a Hit Overseas!

The soldiers pictured above are just a few of the 65 in the 1908th Medical Detachment, CSC in Iraq who received our Shoeboxes in late February. The smiles on their faces tell it all—they DO appreciate the support they get from those of us at home!

A Typical Thank-You Card Received from Troops in Iraq

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Roger and Mae Claxton,

I hope this card finds you all in the very best of spirits and health. I just wanted to take time out to thank you all very much for preparing and sending this box for me. I really do appreciate it. It is always nice to receive something from someone with good intentions. Thank you again.

Sgt. Webb

NOTE: Some school children who wrote letters to the soldiers have also received thank-you letters in response. Lion Cub Zoe Ralph is one .

Summary of April Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting held on Saturday, April 3 at Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall, Overland Park. Called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Big Lion **Bob Larson**.

Approved minutes of March 6 meeting as corrected.

Accepted Treasurer's report for March as corrected. Account Balances: General, \$2280.20; Service, \$8,858.25.

General announcements: (1) a certificate of appreciation received from the Leaders Dogs for the Blind School, Rochester, Michigan in recognition of \$500 donation our club made earlier this year. (2) March 24 *Johnson County Sun* article about the "Shoebboxes for Soldiers" project. (3) New officers installation will be on Saturday, July 11. **Michelle Hufferd**, 2010-11 district governor, will be installing officer. (4) Chamber of Commerce activities to be held in the next few weeks. (5) Mayor's Prayer Breakfast to be April 15 at the Marriott Hotel. Tickets are available at \$15 each.

Received update from Lion **Beverly Nichols** about plans for the 2010 Kansas Lions State Convention to be held in Olathe, June 3-5.

Received report from Lion **Paul Roemerman** on activities of Cub Scout Pack 3254 that our club sponsors. A pancake feed fundraiser was held on Friday, April 2. Several OPHLC members and family attended.

Discussed the Metcalf Avenue of Flags program. Flag work day scheduled for April 10. First flag day of the 2010 season is Armed Forces Day, May 15.

Discussed Pasta Supper and Silent Auction, April 17, Overland Park Christian Church. Tickets were distributed for selling. Items for the silent auction are still needed.

Approved application for membership from **Christine Nichols** (daughter-in-law of Lions **Neal and Beverly Nichols**). Induction will be scheduled later.

Received report from Lion **Edson Parker** on 2010 Kansas Lions State Band. Several students from Shawnee Mission Schools have expressed interest. He has received a commitment from the Leawood Lions that they will help sponsor some students if necessary.

Received update on 2010 scholarship program from Lion **Beverly Nichols**. Five applications have been received to date. Application deadline is April 15.

Approved a Candy Day for Saturday, April 24 at Hy-Vee, 91st and Metcalf. Sign-up sheets will be available on April 10.

Discussed scheduling evening social events as often as once a month in 2010-11 in effort to attract new members who can't attend Saturday morning meetings.

Calendar of Activities

- April 10** Regular meeting, Red Robin Restaurant
Program: Edwin Cross, Pres., Kansas Independent Gas and Oil Assn
Election of Club Officers for 2010-11.
- April 10** Flag work day.
After regular meeting at "the body shop" (Newcomer's garage)
- April 17** Fourth Annual Pasta Supper and Silent Auction
Overland Park Christian Church, 75th & Conser, set-up at 2:00 p.m.
- April 24** , Regular meeting, Red Robin Restaurant
Program: Cadets, Shawnee Mission North HS Jr. NROTC.
- April 24** Candy Day
9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Two-hour shifts.)
Hy-Vee Grocery
- May 1** Board of Directors Meeting
Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall, 7:30 a.m.
- May 8** Regular meeting, Red Robin Restaurant
Program: David Cunningham, The Farmers' House
Topic: Providing work-skills and training for autistic persons.
- May 15** Armed Forces Day
Flags up at 6 a.m., down at 4 p.m.
- May 22:** Regular meeting, Red Robin Restaurant
Program: Dr. Emmanuel Ngomsii,
President, All World Languages & Cultures, Inc.
Topic: Understanding Diversity and World Cultures.
- May 29 – June 1** Memorial Day week-end
Flags go up on Saturday, May 29 at 6 a.m..
Flags come down on Tuesday, June 1 at 4 p.m.
- June 3-5** Kansas Lions State Convention, Olathe
Overland Park Host Lions Club is the convention host club!
Be ready to help out when called on to serve!
- June 12** Regular meeting, Red Robin Restaurant
Program: Joe Padavic, Teardrop Video
Topic: Preserving memories by changing photos/movies to CD/DVD.
- June 19** Board of Directors meeting
Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall, 7:30 a.m.
Note change of date due to State Convention on June 5
- June 26** Regular meeting, Red Robin Restaurant
- June 28 – July 2** Lions Clubs International Convention
Sydney Australia

Treasurer's Reports for March

General (Operating) Account

Income	
Meals	\$ 88.00
Membership Dues	25.00
Tail Twister	26.00
Total Income	\$ 139.00
Expenses	
District Expense	\$ 104.79
Room and Meals, Meetings	305.00
Total Expense	\$ 409.79
Net Income for Month	(- \$ 927.96)

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags	\$ 100.00
Total Income	\$ 100.00
Expenses	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags	\$ 289.12
Eyeglasses for needy persons	50.00
Pasta Dinner expense	29.38
Shoebboxes for Soldiers	123.10
"We the People" student support.....	200.00
Total Expense	\$ 691.60
Net Income for Month	(- \$ 591.60)

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