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The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
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Watch Your Mailbox for Special Survey; Tell Us How You Want to Serve Your Club



Some of you might not have had the opportunity to volunteer for service when this famous poster first appeared back in 1917. Now you have a second chance! Don't waste it!!

In the next few days, you will receive a survey form in the mail from the Big Lion. It will contain the list of committees and activities that are necessary to meet club goals and obligations. You can mark the ones on which you'd like to serve during the rest of this year.

When the forms are returned, a Committee on Committees will review them and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for committee appointments. Every effort will be made to make assignments based on *your* preferences.

Please don't think that "somebody else" will do the work. Each of you has unique talents and abilities. Don't be shy about volunteering them for the good of the whole. Return the form by the deadline date and be counted in for service!

(See the short story at the bottom of page 4.)



International President Sid L. Scruggs' logo and theme for 2010-2011: "A Beacon of Hope."

Mobile Screening Unit (Sight Bus) to be at Overland Park Fall Festival in September



The new Mobile Screening Unit (MSU), which many of us fondly remember as the "Sight Bus," is tentatively scheduled to be at the Overland Park Fall Festival on Saturday, September 25.

Plans call for the MSU to be parked at the Matt Ross Community Center and to be open from 8 AM to 5 PM on September 25. Our club is responsible for getting sufficient personnel on board to assist in the various types of screening—not just sight—that will be conducted during the day.

The presence of the MSU should result in a lot of favorable publicity for Lions in this area. Attendees at the festival will see Lions at work. More important, the many free screening processes may reveal health problems that need professional medical attention and treatment.

Lion Carleen Rajala of the Shawnee Lions Club is Zone Chair for north Johnson County and Wyandotte County. She will ask Lions from clubs in her zone to serve on the MSU so that OPHLC members can focus on our fund-raising booth at the Fall Festival.

The MSU is no longer a bus but a fifth-wheel trailer towed by a heavy-duty truck. Joint funding from the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation and the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation made the new vehicle—along with upgraded screening facilities inside—possible.

A long-term agreement between the two foundations resulted in a pledge from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation of \$500,000 for operating expenses over the life of the agreement.

(MSU Photos by Ye Olde Editor)



Program for This Week's Meeting . . .
Guest speakers will be three of the four Shawnee Mission High School graduates who received our club's scholarships this year.

District Governor's Point Contest is Back and We Plan to Win! Here Are Ways YOU Can Help

District Governor **Michele Hufferd** (Louisburg Lions Club) has re-instituted the traditional Governor's Point Contest for 2010-11. The contest can be a real spirit builder.



A winner in each of three groups will be announced after next June 30. Our club is in Group 2, clubs with 21 to 40 members. We still stay in that group all year regardless of any membership increase that occurs (we have 37 members at present).

Years ago—in the 1970s and '80s—we won several Governor's contests. There was a time when we won what we called the "Triple Crown"—three years in a row!

The club's Board of Directors agreed last Saturday (July 17) that we should "go for it" again—to make every effort to win first prize in our group.

Each Lion—that's *you and you and you and yes, YOU!*—can help earn points in many ways:

- Sponsor new members 500 for each one**
- Donation of \$20 to KU Cancer Center 500**
- Donation of \$20 to Leader Dogs for the Blind 500**
- Donation of \$20 to KSDS dog school 500**
- Donation of \$20 to CARES dog school 500**
- Participate in district service activity 500**
 (There are several activities planned to be announced later; you get 500 points each time you participate).
- Attend a leadership training seminar 200**
- Attend USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 200**
- Attend State Council meetings or convention ... 200 each**
- Participate in club visitations (Points vary)**
 Visits to clubs out of U. S., 200; to clubs out of district, 150; to clubs within district, 100. Bonus of 25 points per member for round-trips over 50 miles. Points are earned for each visit, except only two visits to the same club count.
- Attend District Cabinet or Zone meetings 200 each time**
- Collect used eye glasses (club activity) 5 points each**
- Collect used hearing aids (club activity) 5 points each**
- Donate Lions trading pins to Kansas State Lions**
- Spare-Pin project 5 points each pin**

In addition, there are other point categories in which the club as a whole can earn points. Examples: Sponsor a new club; sponsor a new Leos club; sponsor Peace Poster contests; show a net membership increase of 5%; and club donations to the various dog schools, sight programs, and foundations; etc.

Every member of the club can do something to help build a winning point total! Please do your part!

From time to time, you'll get reports on how we're doing, and when the District Governor announces progress, you can see how we're doing compared with the other clubs in our group.

(Michele's photo from District Governor's July newsletter)

Ever wonder where the money goes?

Overland Park Host Lions Raised and Gave \$17,000 During 2009-2010 Service Year

Overland Park Host Lions work hard on various fund-raising activities during a year—Metcalfe Avenue of Flags, Overland Park Fall Festival, Candy Days, Pasta Supper and Silent Auction—but too often we don't stop to look at what we do with the money we earn.

Lion Treasurer Roger Claxton has compiled the summary below, listing the organizations or purposes we support and the amounts for each that this club—*YOUR* club--contributed.

Footnotes explain some of the less-familiar items.

Let's pat ourselves on the back for a job well done and then strive to do even more in the coming year!

Eyeglasses for Indigent Persons	\$ 490.00
Boy Scout Troop #425	500.00
Cub Scout Pack #3254	225.00
Scholarships for high school seniors	1,500.00
Shoebboxes for Soldiers	1,331.85
Thermometers for School Nurses	738.00
Peace Poster Contest	56.44
OPHLC Endowment Fund	300.00
Children's Center for the Visually Impaired	1,000.00
Faith Village ¹	155.96
We the People ²	200.00
Sports Center for the Disabled ³	140.00
KSSB Oregon Trail/Summer Camp ⁴	1,000.00
KSSB Technology Library ⁴	1,000.00
KC Blind All Stars Foundation (KSSB) ⁴	500.00
Candy Day (for KU Ophthalmology Clinic) ⁵	2,150.00
Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) Maintenance ⁵	1,000.00
KU Audio-Reader Satellite Uplink ⁵	1,000.00
KU Audio-Reader (general support)	1,000.00
Kansas Lions State Band	200.00
LCIF (for Melvin Jones Fellowship) ⁶	1,000.00
CARES (Service dog school, Concordia, KS) ⁷	500.00
KSDS (dog school, Washington, KS)	500.00
Leader Dogs for the Blind School	500.00
Total	<u>\$ 16,987.25</u>

¹Faith Village is a group home for developmentally disabled adults. This expense covered materials for special bookcase crafted by **Lion Roger Claxton**.

²We contributed to We the People to help a high school student attend a leadership training conference.

³We contributed to Sports Center for the Disabled to provide "scholarships" for financially-deprived students.

⁴KSSB = Kansas State School for the Blind.

⁵These items were paid through the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF).

⁶LCIF = Lions Clubs International Foundation.

⁷CARES = Canine Assistance Rehabilitation Education & Services.

Kansas Lions State Convention Will Return to District 17-O (Lawrence) in June, 2011

Lawrence, Kansas will be the site of the Kansas Lions State Convention June 2-4, 2011. The convention hotel will be the Holiday Inn.

The annual State Band concert will again be held at Baker University in Baldwin City.

PDG Peggy Jacobson (Overland Park Noon Lions Club) is overall chairperson of the convention.

International President Sid L. Scruggs III and his wife Judy will be the featured guests.

New LCI President Lays Out Detailed Action Plan



During the coming year, we'll be hearing much about the programs of 2010-11 **International President Sid L. Scruggs III** who assumed office at the convention in Sydney, Australia earlier this month. His theme is "A Beacon of Hope." His logo includes a picture of the Cape Hatteras lighthouse on the coast of his home state of North Carolina. See bottom of page 1.

President Scruggs outlined four major areas of service. In August he wants clubs to "Shine a Light on Youth." In October the emphasis will be to "Shine a Light on Blindness." For November and December the theme is "Shine a Light on Hunger." Next April we're to "Shine a Light on the Environment."

District Governor Michele Hufferd and club leaders from around the district are busy at work laying out plans for meeting the president's goals. A drive to collect school supplies will take place in August, meeting the goal of working for youth. Details will be announced later. *(President's photo from LCI website)*

2010-11 Officers Installed by District Governor

Club officers for this year were installed by District Governor Michele Hufferd at the regular meeting of July 17 at the Red Robin.

Governor Hufferd gave each officer a pen or pencil of a particular color and related how that color represented the qualities and responsibilities of their positions.

The installation was held in July because Governor Hufferd was at District Governor's School and the Lions Club International Convention in Sydney, Australia during the last week of June. Big Lion Neal and Beverly Nichols also were at the convention.

New officers are:

- President Neal Nichols
- 1st Vice President Paul Roerman
- 2nd Vice President Chris Pucci
- Immediate Past President Bob Larson
- Secretary Carole Collyard
- Treasurer Roger Claxton
- 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).

These club leaders make up the Board of Directors. The Board conducts most club business. Except in unusual circumstances, board meetings are not held at the same time as regular club meetings.

Any member of the club is welcome to attend board meetings. Currently the board meets at Mimi's Café at Oak Park Mall (near 95th and Quivira) on the first Saturday of every month. This year, however, the meetings in August, September, November and June will be held on the third Saturday to avoid conflict with other scheduled activities.

Next Lions Clubs International Convention Will Be Held in Seattle, Washington July 4 – 8, 2011

The next International Convention will be in Seattle, Washington from July 4-8, 2011. The convention brings together Lions from all over the world.

Highlights of the convention include a parade in the streets of the host city, the display of flags of all the nations where Lions Clubs exist, an international show, numerous exhibits and displays, and the election of a Second Vice President and several new members to the International Board of Directors.

Efforts are being made to have an Alaskan cruise and land tour for Kansas Lions, departing out of Vancouver, British Columbia on July 9. This will be discussed at the Kansas Lions State Council meeting early next month and details will be announced later.

For registration information and forms, go to www.lionsclubs.org, click on the "News and Events" button, then click on the "International Convention" button on left-hand side, then click on the "For Attendees" button. More details and instructions on downloading forms will be found there.

The President's Message for July . . .

by **Lion Neal Nichols**

We've all heard the old saying, "He's wearing two hats." Well, that's the position I'm in as we begin this new year of Lions service.



Each month for the past few years, the Big Lion has provided a monthly message for the *Roar*. As *Ye Olde Editor* for at least the last four years, I've done most of the other writing for the newsletter. So how should the "President's Message" be different now?

One solution is to have a creative Lion step forward and volunteer to be the *Lions' Roar* editor, if only for this year. A fresh approach to content and writing probably would do us all some good!

Otherwise . . . well, I suppose this space becomes only an extension of the rest of the newsletter. I'll wear the president's hat in this column and the editor's hat elsewhere.

At the July 10 meeting, I shared my vision of our club's future, or at least the direction I hope it go this year. I want us—and the Board of Directors has agreed with me—to win the District Governor's Point Contest for our division (21-40 members).

We need to increase our involvement in zone, district, and state meetings. This will include more visits to other clubs and more members going on each of those visits.

I hope you don't see me as a wistful old man nearing the end of the road and looking back longingly at the "way things were." But there was a time when our club always had a *HUGE* presence at district conventions, state conventions and the Mid-Winter Rally. We were one of the premier clubs not only in the District but at the state level as well. There should be no reason that we can't attain these heights again.

A net membership increase of 5% shouldn't be too hard to achieve—that's only two new members for the year. Of course, we may lose members through the year for a variety of reasons and each of those must be replaced. But if each of us identifies and invites service-minded prospects to our meetings, recruiting them into Lionism should take care of itself.

Let's keep our attendance up, too! Make it a point to be at the meeting on Saturday!

—**Big Lion Neal**

Birthdays and Anniversaries for July and Early August

Birthdays: Billie Warden (July 2), Chris Pucci (July 6), Max Gordon (July 18), Ken Collyard (July 19) Janette Reh (July 22), Al Witwer (July 22), Chuck Binau (July 28), Larry Lavelly (July 30), Mae Claxton (August 7), Louis Adams (August 12), Darla Roerman (August 14).

Anniversaries: Dale and Billie Warden (August 5).

Calendar of Activities

- July 24** Regular meeting, Red Robin Restaurant
Program: Presentation of scholarship check; remarks by students
- August 6-8** 1st State Council meeting
Great Bend, Kansas
- August 14** Regular Meeting, Red Robin Restaurant
Program to be announced
- August 21** Board of Directors meeting
7:30 a.m., Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall
- August 21** 1st District 17-O Cabinet Meeting
9:30 a.m., Fox Hall, Louisburg
- August 28** Regular meeting, Red Robin Restaurant
Program: District Governor's Official Visit
- August 28** Candy Day
9:30 AM to 5:30 PM (2-hour shifts) Wal-Mart, 119th and Metcalf
- Sept. 4 (Saturday) Metcalf Avenue of Flags (for Labor Day)**
Raise Flags at 6:00 a.m.
- September 7 (Tuesday) Take down Flags at 6:00 a.m.**

Summary of July Board of Directors Meeting . . .

Meeting called to order by Big Lion Neal Nichols at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 17 at Mimi's Café, Oak Park Mall, Overland Park

Received minutes of the meeting of June 19 for file after corrections. Received Treasurer's reports for June for file. Account Balances: General, \$1,919.93, Service, \$7,820.28.

Agreed by consensus to try to win the 2010-11 District Governor's Point Contest.

Adopted 2010-11 activities calendar subject to confirmation of dates for Shoeboxes for Soldiers, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Pasta Supper and Silent Auction, and Anniversary Dinner.

Scheduled Board of Directors meetings in August, September, November and June on third Saturdays instead of first Saturdays.

Approved sending survey for all club members to indicate committees and activities on which they prefer to serve this year.

Approved general club organizational structure for the year.

Appointed Budget and Finance Committee (Lions **Roger Claxton**, chairperson, **Paul Roerman**, **Chris Pucci**, **Beverly Nichols**, and **Grant Rogers** subject to acceptance by each one). Committee to report recommendations for General Account and Service Account at the meeting of August 21.

Adjourned at approximately 9:10 a.m.

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Lion Roger Claxton provided the Treasurer's Reports.

Treasurer's Reports for June 2010**General (Operating) Account****Income**

Meals	\$ 148.90
Membership Dues	97.10
Miscellaneous Income	150.00
Tail Twister	55.50
Total Income	\$ 451.50

Expenses

State Convention expense	\$ 85.37
Room and Meals, Meetings	380.00
Total Expense	\$ 465.37
Net Income for Month	-\$ 13.87

Service (Project or Charity) Account**Income**

Metcalf Avenue of Flags.....	\$ 92.00
Cook Books Income	7.50
Total Income	\$ 99.50

Expenses

Flag expense	\$ 44.50
Office supplies	35.98
Pasta Dinner Expense	253.76
Service Fund Disbursements	
Eyeglasses for needy persons	50.00
Boy Scout Troop #425	500.00
CCVI	1,000.00
KC Blind All Stars Foundation	500.00
Kansas Lions Sight Foundation	
Audio Reader Satellite Uplink .	1,000.00
Candy Day (KU equipment) ...	2,000.00
Mobile Screening Unit Maint. .	1,000.00
Total KLSF	4,000.00
KSSB Technology Library	1,000.00
KU Audio Reader (general)	1,000.00
Peace Poster Contest	56.44
Total Service Fund Disbursements	8,106.44
Total Expense	8,440.18
Net Income for Month	-\$ 8,340.68



September 23-25, 2010: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

To register for the Milwaukee Forum, go to
<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/registration.pdf>
and then print the form and send it by US mail.

OR

Register on line at

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/registration.html>

2011: Anchorage, Alaska

2012: Tampa Bay, Florida

2013: **OVERLAND PARK KANSAS!**

2014: San Juan, Puerto Rico

This is a story about a Lions club (and it's best for it to remain nameless). Four members in that club were named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**.

An important service project needed to be planned and completed. **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got upset about that, because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it.

It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have.

(Adapted from an Internet source.)