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# The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club  
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## Kansas Lions State Convention . . .

### Eight Overland Park Host Lions Attend 2011 State Convention in Lawrence, June 2-4



**Lion Dottie Bloome** shows off a table decorated with a variety of model lighthouses for the State Convention. International President Sid Scruggs III used the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse on the North Carolina coast as his symbol for the year. His theme was that Lions are "A Beacon of Hope" to the world's needy. **Lions Dottie, Mae Claxton** and **Carole Collyard** were the decorating committee for this year's event.

Eight Overland Park Host members attended at least some of the convention events. Besides the "designing ladies," others were **Janette Reh**, new members **Steve and Grace Weinrich**, and **Neal** and **Beverly Nichols**.

Our club's theme basket, designed by **Lions Dottie, Mae** and **Carole** won first place in the "Most Humorous" category.

### Outstanding Club Members Honored at 54th Anniversary Celebration on May 15

We celebrated our club's 54th anniversary on Sunday evening, May 15 at the Hereford House Restaurant in Shawnee.

**Past International Director Ernie Young**, a member of the Lansing Lions Club, was the featured speaker. PID Ernie inducted our two newest members, **Steve and Grace Weinrich**, and presented this year's Melvin Jones Fellowship to **Lion Roger Claxton**, club treasurer. He also presented an International President's Letter of Commendation to **Lion Janette Reh** in recognition of her many years of service to the club and the dog programs.

**Big Lion Neal Nichols** presented awards for devoted service to **Dottie Bloome, Mae Claxton** and **Carole Collyard**.

**Lion Ken Collyard** received a special "Tail Twister Extraordinaire" plaque.

### Garage Sale Being Held This Friday, Saturday To Benefit Club's General Account

Another sale at "Garage Majal," the 8th Wonder of the World, AKA **Roger and Mae Claxton's** home, is being held on June 9-11. Anyone who can schedule in a couple of shifts through the week-end is urged to do so.

Several Lions—including **Steve and Grace Weinrich, Art Meganck**, and **Ken Collyard**—did major work on June 8 in getting furniture and other items from the home of **Chuck Binau** (former member now in Iowa) to the Claxton's for the sale. **Lion Chuck** donated many household items to the club before he moved away.

The sale will earn funds for our club's general account.

### Flags Up and Down on June 14: Flag Day

The next "Flag Day" of this year will be literally Flag Day, Tuesday, June 14. Flags will go up at 6 AM and come down at 4:30 PM on the same day.

A lot of help will be needed. We do have some volunteers from MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) and perhaps a few others, but we need experienced Lions to help the volunteers "learn the ropes," especially in the afternoon when the flags come down.

**Lion Lynn Wolfe** is Flag Operations Chair for this year and will be assisted by **Lions Art Meganck** and **Roger Claxton**.

Please try to donate at least a little time to this effort. **Lion Roger** will also probably try to organize a team of members of call on businesses who do not presently support the program to get them to sign up.

The first scheduled flag day—Armed Forces Day on May 21—was cancelled because of unpredictable weather (although as it turned out, the weather was perfect for posting the flags!)

Flags went up as scheduled on May 28 in honor of the Memorial Day week-end, but rainy weather on the morning of Tuesday, May 31 delayed bringing them down until mid-afternoon.

### May 14 Candy Day Nets Just Under \$400

The candy day held at Hy-Vee store on 91st near Metcalf on May 14 earned \$383. The "take" was somewhat disappointing compared with what previous Candy Days have brought in, but there was another organization conducting a fund-raising drive inside the store on the same date and that probably had an impact on amounts given outside.

**Lions Lynn and Teresa Wolfe** did the organizing and set-up for the event.

Another Candy Day will be scheduled sometime in late summer, possibly in conjunction with back-to-school shopping dates.

Money collected from Candy Day is generally earmarked for our club's donations to the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation and KU Eye Center..



(Above) Convention first-timers (from our club) Lions **Grace Weinrich** and **Steve Weinrich**, along with Lion **Janette Reh**, enjoy a moment of levity during banquet festivities at the State Convention in Lawrence on Saturday evening, June 4.

(Below) 1st VDG-Elect **Beverly** (left) and PDG **Neal Nichols** (far right) stand with **International President Sid Scruggs** and his wife **Lion Judy** after the Saturday night banquet. The Lions Nichols were presented with LCI Leadership medals by President Scruggs



**Through Early June Birthdays and Anniversaries . . .**

**Birthdays:**

- June 2: Chris Claxton
- June 7: Deanna Pucci
- June 26: Grace Weinrich

**Anniversaries:**

- June 14: Chris and Cindy Claxton

*Congratulations and best wishes for many more special days to each of you!*



Lions **Dottie Bloome** and **Carole Collyard** hold candles during the closing song (sung by 17-O District Governor **Michele Hufford**) at the State Convention. **Dottie** and **Carole** did most of the decorating for the various convention events. (**Lion Mae Claxton** helped in early preparations but was unable to attend the convention due to the illness of her mother in Ohio.)

**Calendar of Activities**

- June 9-11 ..... **Garage Sale to benefit General Account**  
*Mae and Roger Claxton's Home, 10404 Nieman*
- June 11 ..... **Regular Meeting, Perkins, 87th and Nieman**  
*Program to be announced*  
*Presentation of financial contributions to charities*
- June 18 ..... **Board of Directors, Perkins, 87th and Nieman**  
*Business session to begin promptly at 7:30; adjourn by 8:30*
- June 18..... **District 17-O Cabinet meeting and social**  
*Highland United Methodist Church, Topeka*
- June 25 ..... **Regular meeting, Perkins, 87th and Nieman**  
*Installation of officers for 2011-12*  
*District Governor-Elect Clint Vawter, installing officer*  
*Presentation of scholarship to graduating senior*
- July 4-8 ..... **Lions Clubs International Convention**  
*Seattle, Washington*



**Lion Mae Claxton** places the Lions Club International Foundation lapel pin on husband **Lion Roger** after the presentation of Roger's Melvin Jones Fellowship by **PID Ernie Young**.



A sample of table decorations done by the "Designing Ladies" of our club at the State Convention in Lawrence.



PID Ernie Young (right) presents Lion Janette Reh with a Presidential Letter of Commendation from International President Sid Scruggs III at the 54th Anniversary Banquet on May 15. Looking on is Janette's husband Larry. The Letter of Commendation is fourth-highest award given by Lions Clubs International.

**Treasurer's Reports for May 2011**

**General (Operating) Account**

<b>Income</b>	
Meals .....	\$ 306.69
Membership Dues .....	360.31
New Member Fees .....	90.00
Tail Twister .....	19.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 776.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Room and Meals, Meetings .....	375.95
General Supplies .....	136.28
State Convention Expense .....	50.00
District Convention Expenses .....	42.76
LCI Miscellaneous Expense .....	162.92
<b>Total Expense .....</b>	<b>\$ 767.91</b>
<b>Net Income (loss) for Month.....</b>	<b>\$ 8.09</b>

**Service (Project or Charity) Account**

<b>Income</b>	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags .....	\$ 3,125.00
Candy Day Income .....	383.04
Pasta Supper and Auction .....	85.00
USA/Canada Forum pins .....	365.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,958.04</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Overland Park Fall Festival .....	105.00
<b>Service Fund Disbursements</b>	
Accessible Arts .....	250.00
Boy Scout Troop #425 .....	500.00
Cub Scout Pack #3254 .....	185.00
KC Blind All-Stars Fndtn. ....	500.00
KSSB Technology Library .....	1,000.00
KU Audio-Reader Satellite ....	500.00
KU Ophthalmology Clinic .....	2,000.00
Mobile Screening Unit .....	1,000.00
<b>Total Service Fund Disbursements .....</b>	<b>5,935.00</b>
<b>Total Expense .....</b>	<b>6,040.00</b>
<b>Net Income (loss) for Month .....</b>	<b>(\$ 2,081.96)</b>



"Tail Twister Extraordinaire," Lion Ken Collyard displays the plaque he received from Big Lion Neal Nichols at the Anniversary Dinner on May 15. The award was given in recognition of Lion Ken's two years of outstanding work as club Tail Twister.



"Designing Ladies" Lions Carole Collyard, Dottie Bloome, and Mae Claxton listen as they are complimented for their years of devoted service to our club. Each one received a specially engraved Lions plaque.

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