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December 2011

# The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club  
Overland Park, Kansas

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Two years ago, the weather was chilly but nice. Maybe we'll have the same this year! Above, we see **Lions Ken Collyard** (left) and **Lloyd Larry Lavelly** doing their part to help.

Helping to "Do the most good" . . .

## Bell Ringing for Salvation Army Set for Saturday, December 17

Overland Park Host Lions will once again be ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

Saturday, December 17 is the date and the location will be the Sam's Club on 95th Street between Quivira Road and I-35.

If you have not already signed up, please contact **Lion Mae Claxton** at **913-492-8210** and let her know that you want to help. She'll make sure you get an assignment.

Members of our club have also assisted the Leawood Lions Club in bell ringing during the last few weeks. Leawood Lions ring bells on several different days and at many locations for almost a full month before Christmas.

(Picture at right) Several OP Host members attended the World Premiere performance of *Tom Sawyer*, a ballet starring **Laura Wolfe**, daughter of **Lions Lynn and Teresa Wolfe**. The performance was at the new Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Kansas City. (More pictures on Page 3 of this issue.)

## Annual "Breakfast With Santa" Meeting Will Be December 10

Our Breakfast With Santa program will be this Saturday, December 10 at Perkins. Plan to arrive between 7:15 and 7:30 to order breakfasts.

As usual, parents and grandparents will bring wrapped gifts for their own children or grandchildren. Santa has sent an early message asking that each package be clearly marked with the name of the child for whom it is intended. In other words, write or print the name in large enough letters for Santa to be able to read when he pulls the package from under the tree.

Yes, we do plan to have a tree—although a small one—in the meeting room this year.

If you have not already signed up to attend, please call **Lion Mae Claxton** at **913-492-8210** by Friday and let her know how many adults and children will be in your party.

## Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally to be At Ramada Inn in Salina on January 13-15

The annual Mid-Winter Rally for Kansas Lions will be held at the Ramada Inn in Salina on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday January 13-15, 2012.

A registration form is included on page 4 of this issue of the *Roar*. Please print it, fill it out and return to **Lion Lela Gillispie** at the address shown.

In years past, Overland Park Host Lions have stopped at the Brookville Hotel for a fried-chicken-with-all-the-fixin's dinner on the way home after the Sunday morning State Council session. Why don't we do that again this year?



Some of these guys clean up pretty good! From right to left: **Dottie Bloome**, **Roger Claxton**, **Art Meganck**, **Mae Claxton**.





### **International Presidents' Project**

## **Cub Scouts and Lions Join To Plant Tree at Apache Elementary School**

Members of Cub Scout Pack 3254 joined with Overland Park Host Lions on October 29 to plant two trees at the newly rebuilt Apache Elementary School in Overland Park.

The Lions paid for the trees and provided shovels for the project. The Cub Scouts, with their leaders and parents, will assume the responsibility for keeping the trees watered to ensure a good, healthy start for them.

As seen in the picture above, the boys pitched in wholeheartedly to dig the holes for the tree planting.

Tree planting has been a major program of the past two International Presidents. Our club arranged with the Shawnee Mission School District for planting the trees at Apache in hopes that at least one tree would be planted last Spring. The project was not completed until this Fall, however, because of construction delays at the school. Apache was chosen because most of the Cubs attend there.

Engraved bricks have been placed by each tree. The bricks show the type of tree and include the Overland Park Host Lions Club and Cub Scout Pack 3254 as sponsors of the project.

### **Previews and Reviews . . .**

## **Variety of Programs Presented at Recent Club Meetings**

We'll have Breakfast with Santa this Saturday and **there will be no meeting on December 24** because the date is so close to Christmas Day.

To begin the new year, we'll hear from **Lion Alcy Malkmus**, a member of the Kansas City World Outreach Lions Club, on January 14. The members of this unique club do mission projects in the Philippines and other countries around the world.

On January 28, **Lion Mary Adkins** (Auburn Lions Club) will bring the program. Lion Mary is a Master Gardener and will give ideas and advice that might help those of us who definitely don't have green thumbs! In addition to **Lion Mary**, her husband **Lion Gary Adkins** will take a few moments to introduce himself. **Lion Gary** is a candidate for election as 2nd Vice District Governor at the District Convention in March.

Several interesting and informative programs have also been presented in the past two months.

On October 8, **Sean Reilly**, Community Information Officer for the City of Overland Park told us about plans and issues facing our community. His talk was followed by a lengthy question-and-answer period that indicated our members are very interested in what's going on in Overland Park.

**Pam Keenan** discussed the Community Blood Center in Kansas City on October 22. She explained the importance of blood donors such as Lions members and how they help ensure a steady supply of blood for hospitals in the area.

**District Governor Clint Vawter** (Scranton Lions Club) made his official visit on November 12 and told about activities and programs being carried out by Lions throughout the world.

On November 26, our own **Lion (1st VDG) Beverly Nichols** presented an illustrated talk on KanLovKids, a low-vision project of the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation. The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) awarded Kansas Lions the first ever grant in the United States in support low-vision identification and treatment. The writing of the grant proposal was done for the most part by **Lion Beverly**.

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Lion Roger Claxton provided the Treasurer's Reports and pictures

**Treasurer's Reports for November 2011**

General (Operating) Account

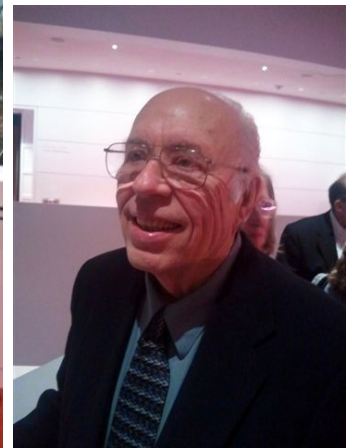
<b>Income</b>	
Member dues .....	\$ 180.88
Tail Twister .....	48.05
Meals .....	381.12
Miscellaneous (Forum pins) .....	<u>4.00</u>
Total Income .....	\$ 614.05
<b>Expenses</b>	
Room and Meals, Meetings ..	374.33
Incorporation filing fee .....	40.00
Web site .....	35.00
Directory Printing .....	75.00
Total Expense .....	<u>\$ 524.33</u>
Net Income (loss) for Month .....	<u>\$ 89.72</u>

Service (Project or Charity) Account

<b>Income</b>	
Foodie Card Pack sales .... \$..	60.00
Metcalf Avenue of Flags .....	339.00
Total Income .....	\$ 399.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Eye Exams, glasses .....	200.00
Total Expense .....	<u>200.00</u>
Net Income (loss) for Month .....	<u>\$ 189.00</u>

**Calendar of Activities**

- December 10** ..... Breakfast with Santa  
..Meeting starts at usual time; order breakfast between 7:15 and 7:30
- December 24** ..... No regular meeting; Christmas Eve Day
- January 7** ..... Board of Directors, Perkins, 87th and Nieman
- January 13-15** ..... Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally  
.....Ramada Inn, Salina
- January 14** ..... Regular meeting, Perkins, 87th and Nieman  
..... Lion Alcy Malkmus, Kansas City World Outreach Lions Club
- January 28** ..... Regular Meeting, Perkins, 87th and Nieman  
..... Program: Lion Mary Adkins (Auburn); Master Gardener



At left, Mae Claxton and Dottie Bloome get a spectacular view of Kansas City to the south of the Kauffman Center. At left, Edson Parker appears to be enjoying a conversation with somebody!

December and January . . .

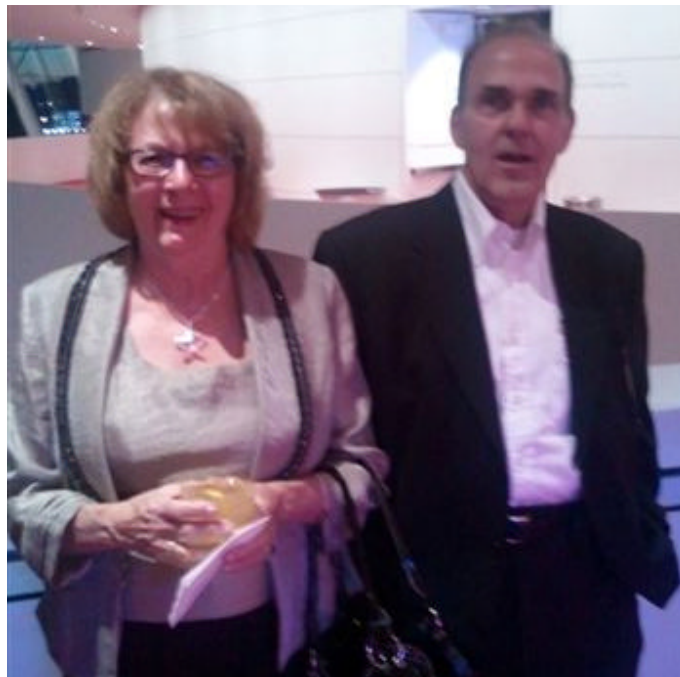
**Reasons to Celebrate!**

Birthdays

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>December 5</b>  | Bryan Lanigan             |
| <b>December 6</b>  | Roger Claxton             |
| <b>December 6</b>  | Harriet Claztgon (Gordon) |
| <b>December 19</b> | Tami Turntine             |
| <b>December 26</b> | Michele Taylor            |
| <b>December 30</b> | Cindy Claxton             |
| <b>January 17</b>  | Terry Meganck             |
| <b>January 23</b>  | Lavern Mausolf            |
| <b>January 27</b>  | Dale Warden               |

Anniversaries

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>January 7</b> | Louis and Malvina Adams |
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Our cameraman catches Carole and Ken Collyard in the lobby of the Kauffman Center before the ballet begins.



Meanwhile, back at the tree planting: Well, SOMEBODY has to supervise while the Cub Scouts do the work. From left: Grant Rogers, Big Lion Chris Pucci. Steve Weinrich, 1st VP Lynn Wolfe, and Janette Reh.

Don't forget! The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum comes to Overland Park in September 2013. Your help will be needed.





# Kansas Lions

## Mid-Winter Rally

### January 13-15, 2012



### Registration and Meal Reservation Form

	Number	Amount
Registration ( <i>fee applies to all attendees except Leos</i> )	_____	@ \$6.00 = \$ _____
Friday Dinner - Chicken Florentine with Supreme Sauce	_____	@\$ 15.00 = \$ _____
Saturday Lunch - Tex-Mex Buffet	_____	@\$ 15.00 = \$ _____
Saturday Banquet - Stuffed Pork Chop	_____	@\$ 16.00 = \$ _____
<i>Gratuity included in all meal prices.</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

\*Free continental breakfast available each morning to those guests registered at the hotel  
\*Please Make your check(s) payable to "Mid-Winter Rally"

Please list any special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions(s) Leo(s) guest or club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Lions/Leo Club \_\_\_\_\_

**District: L I O N S** (*please circle one*)

**Mail Reservations to:** Lion Lela Gillispie  
1414 Givens Road  
Manhattan KS 66503  
(785) 532-8611  
[kayg7@cox.net](mailto:kayg7@cox.net)

**Deadline for Meal Reservations: January 7, 2012**  
**Room reservations must be made before December 30, 2011**  
Ramada Inn Phone Number for Reservations is 1-785-823-1739