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The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club
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Her "Annual Visit" . . .

Peg Sampson of KU Audio-Reader to be featured at Saturday's Program



Peg Samson (left), Outreach Coordinator for the Audio-Reader program at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, will be our program on Saturday.

Peg's is a familiar face to most of our members. Somewhat like a District Governor, she visits the club almost every year to update us on the latest developments in the KU Audio-Reader program.

In addition to hearing her presentation on Saturday, we will give Peg a check representing our annual financial contribution to Audio-Reader.

See the "Calendar of Activities" on page 2 of this issue for a complete line-up of programs and activities through the end of June.

New Metcalfe Flags Season Starts May 19

The 2012 Metcalfe Avenue of Flags program gets started a week from Saturday as we honor Armed Forces Day. Drop-off teams will go out at 5 AM and the other teams will follow at 6 o'clock to put the Flags up.

Lions Roger Claxton, Art Meganck, and Gregg Collins have spent many hours already this spring calling on participating merchants to thank them for their financial support of the program.

In addition, more than 15 new sponsors have signed on to the project through the efforts of Roger, Art, and Gregg.

Sign-up sheets have been circulated at the last couple of club meetings. If you haven't already signed up, you can still do so at this week's meeting.

SPECIAL NOTE: After the Flags are up on Saturday, we will go to Antioch Park to join the Merriam-Shawnee Lions Club in their annual pancake day. The pancake feed is held in conjunction with Merriam's Turkey Creek celebration and is a major fund-raiser for the Merriam-Shawnee Lions.

Annual Pasta Supper and Silent Auction nets \$2200!

Our sixth annual Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction was held on Saturday, April 28 at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 92nd and Pflumm in Lenexa. **Treasurer Roger Claxton** reports that we earned \$2200 this year, well above the \$1300 brought in last year.



Welcome to new member! . . .

Dr. Dirck DeKeyser of KU Eye Center

Dirck DeKeyser, OD, a faculty member at the KU Eye Center, submitted his membership application through **Lion Beverly Nichols** and will be joining the club. He indicated that he might be able to attend this week's meeting, so be on the look-out for the new face and give him the hearty welcome we've always been known for!



Dr. DeKeyser has been an optometrist for 12 years. His wife's name is **Marla**. **Add to your directory:** their address is 8106 West 79th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204. Home phone number is 913-383-9453; business number is 913-588-6600. His home e-mail address is dirckdekeyser@hotmail.com. His birthday is July 26 (we'll get Marla's birthday and their anniversary date later).

Lion Beverly (DG-E) is a member of the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation from District 17-O and has been exploring with the staff at the Eye Center the possibility of a new Lions Club there. An intermediate step would be the formation of a Club Branch until 20 members enroll.

55th Anniversary Celebration Set for May 20

Mark your calendars now! Our **55th anniversary dinner** will be held at the Hereford House in Shawnee (near I-435 and Midland Drive) on Sunday, May 20 at 5 PM. Awards to be presented to deserving members will include a Melvin Jones Fellowship and a Claude Devorss Fellowship. We contribute \$1000 to the *Lions Clubs International Foundation* and to the *Kansas Lions Sight Foundation*, respectively, in honor of each recipient.

Past International Director Gene Vogel of the Turner Lions Club will be guest speaker.

See or call **Lion Carole Collyard** (913-238-0209) to make reservations. Meals will be ordered from the menu and individual checks will be provided from which attendees will pay for their own meals.

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*Lion Roger Claxton provided the Treasurer's Reports and photo.
(Peg Sampson's picture is from Audio-Reader web site and Dr. Dirck DeKeyser's picture is from the KU Eye Center web site.)*

**Claxtons' basement nearly clear, says Roger . . .
Garage Sale Brings Profit of about \$700**

A three-day garage sale at the home of **Lions Roger and Mae Claxton** brought in almost \$700 for our administrative fund (the sale was not advertised as a Lions' Club function).

Although the "take" was not as much as hoped for, a major benefit was that the Claxton's basement is now "nearly clear," according to **Lion Roger**. The Claxtons had stored a large quantity of sale items for quite some time.



Dottie Bloome suggests to **Lynn Wolfe** that he go to the clothes racks outside the Claxton's garage to find just the right outfit to go with these boots he's thinking of buying. Who knows? He might just start a new trend in men's fashions.

The 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Overland Park September 19-21. The Forum's Planning Committee will meet here October 24-28 of this year. The Host Committee is responsible for showing them Kansas' famed Midwestern hospitality. When you're call upon to help, please say "YES!"



Calendar of Activities

- May 12** **Regular Meeting**
7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman
Speaker: Peggy Sampson, KU Audio-Reader
- May 19** **Armed Forces Day**
Metcalfe Avenue of Flags go up at 6 AM
Breakfast afterward at Antioch Park (Merriam-Shawnee Lions Club)
- May 20** **55th Anniversary Celebration**
5:00 PM, Hereford House, I-435 & Midland, Shawnee
- May 26** **Regular Meeting**
7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman
Representative of Girls Scouts will discuss their service unit
- June 2** **Board of Directors Meeting**
7:30 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman.
Come early to order breakfast.
- June 7-9** **KANSAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION**
Wichita
Details and registration form are in District Governor's Newsletter
- June 9** **Regular Meeting**
7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman
Speaker: Alex Matthew, Urban Scholastic Center
- June 23** **Regular Meeting**
7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman
Installation of 2012-13 officers
Guest speaker: PID Gene Vogel

May and June . . .

**Reasons to Celebrate!
Birthdays**

- May 4** **Christine Nichols**
- May 7** **Lynn Wolfe**
- May 7** **Christina Valdez**
- May 10** **Dolores Parker**
- May 11** **Grant Rogers**
- May 19** **Audrey Lavelly**
- May 27** **Bud Turntine**
- June 2** **Chris Claxton**
- June 7** **Deanna Pucci**
- June 16** **Grace Weinrich**
- June 19** **Mary McIntosh**
- June 29** **Carole Collyard**

Anniversaries

- May 17** **Roger and Mae Claxton**
- May 20** **Jack and Jean Watkins**
- June 14** **Chris and Cindy Claxton**
- June 24** **Max and Harriet Gordon**
- June 27** **Bud and Tami Turntine**

Treasurer's Reports for April 2012

General (Operating) Account

Income	
Member dues	\$ 60.00
Tail Twister	57.10
Meals	170.00
Total Income	\$ 287.10
Expenses	
Room and Meals, Meetings ..	499.86
LCI New Member fees	76.18
USA/Canada Forum	105.00
Convention expense	100.00
Total Expense	\$ 781.04
Net Income (loss) for Month	- (\$ 493.94)
Bank Balance, end of month (General Account)	\$ 1,916.61

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income	
Metcalfe Avenue of Flags	3,064.00
Pasta Dinner income	3,181.00
Foodie Card sales	40.00
Miscellaneous contribution	50.00
Total Income	\$ 6,335.00
Expenses	
Metcalfe Avenue of Flags	\$ 377.30
Pasta Dinner expense	931.41
Eye Exams, glasses	150.00
Kansas Lions Band Camp	200.00
Kansas Lions Sight Foundation	1,000.00 *
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CARES Service Dog School	500.00
KSDS Service Dog School	500.00
Convention expense	300.00
Total Expense	4,158.71
Net Income (loss) for Month	\$ 2,176.29
Bank Balance, end of month (Service Account)	\$ 10,382.89

* Contribution for Claude Devorss Fellowship to be awarded at Anniversary Dinner.

Just for the record . . .

2012-13 Board of Directors Officially Elected

All the nominees on the ballot for 2012-13 were elected at the club meeting of April 14. **Lion Lynn Wolfe** will be president; **Lion Carole Collyard** and **Lion Teresa Wolfe** will be First and Second Vice Presidents, respectively. **Lion Heather Lanigan** will be our new secretary. A new face on the Board of Directors will be **Lion Steve Weinrich**. **Lions Janette Reh** and **Edson Parker** come back to the Board after being off for a couple of terms. Continuing board members are **Lions Chris Pucci (Immediate Past President)**, **Roger Claxton (Treasurer)**, **Bryan Lanigan (Lion Tamer)**, **Gregg Collins (Tail Twister)**, **Dottie Bloome (Director, 2011-13)**, and **Mae Claxton (Membership Committee Chair)**.