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# The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club  
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*International President's asks Lions to "Focus on Literacy" in 2012-2013 . . .*

## Literacy Coordinator for Urban Scholastic Center in KCK to speak at Saturday meeting

**Alex Matthew**, Literacy Coordinator for the Urban Scholastic Center (USC) in Kansas City, Kansas will present the program for our meeting on Saturday, June 9. **Lion Grant Rogers** first made our club aware of the USC after hearing the Center's executive director at a networking event tell about the need for books for inner-city children. These children have few if any books of their own at home.

Overland Park Host Lions began collecting books from a variety of sources and delivered almost 500 books to the USC earlier this Spring.



Alex will describe the Center's program and its efforts to improve literacy in inner-city areas.

Saturday's program is especially relevant to Lions because incoming Lions International President Wayne Madden has made "Focus on Literacy" one of the major programs for the coming year.

See the "Calendar of Activities" on page 2 of this issue for a complete line-up of programs and activities through the first week in July.

## Two Metcalfe Flag Days in June, July

The 2012 Metcalfe Avenue of Flags program continues with expanded showings on Flag Day (*June 14-16*) and a full week's display for Independence Day (*June 30-July 7*). Drop-off teams will go out at 5 AM on June 14 and 30. Other teams will follow at 6 o'clock to put the Flags up.

The Flags will come down at 6 a.m. on June 16 and July 7 (both dates are on Saturdays), respectively.

One of the lengthiest displays in the 49-year history of this program was just concluded on June 2. Flags went up on May 19 in honor of Armed Forces Day and stayed up through the entire week after Memorial Day.

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.

After Flags were posted on May 19, about 15 Overland Park Host Lions and friends went to Antioch Park, supporting the Merriam-Shawnee Lions Club in their annual pancake day. The pancake feed was held in conjunction with Merriam's Turkey Creek celebration and is the major fund-raiser each year for the Merriam-Shawnee Lions.

## Beverly Nichols to be 2012-13 District Governor

Another Overland Park Host Lion is set to take district reins at the close of the International Convention in Busan, South Korea on June 27. Lion Beverly Nichols was elected 2nd Vice District Governor in 2010, moved to 1st VDG in 2011 and this year will be Governor.

She is the fourth OPHLC members to be a District Governor. Lions **Frank Piepenbring** (1971-72) and **Jim Goudelock** (1991-92) served as District Governors in the old District 17-AE and **Neal Nichols** (2007-08) served in the old District 17-K7.

Over the years, declining membership has required redistricting in Kansas from eight to seven to five districts.

**Four generations of Claxtons at May 19 Flag Raising.** In the photo at right, **Lion Chris Claxton**, his father **Lion Roger**, his grandfather **Harold Claxton** (Roger's father), and his daughter **Jessica** pose while posting Flags on Armed Forces Day, May 19.

## Special awards presented at club's 55th anniversary celebration on May 20

**Lion Lynn Wolfe** was honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship presented by the club during our anniversary dinner at the Hereford House Restaurant in Shawnee on May 20. Lion Lynn has been a member of this club for a relatively short time. The awarding of the Fellowship recognized his many years of Lions service in other states and the leadership he has shown in many activities in the Overland Park Host Lions Club since becoming a member.

**Lion Mae Claxton** received a Claude Devorss Fellowship from the club at a token of appreciation for her several years of service in a wide variety of activities. The citation accompanying the Fellowship noted the many times her kitchen had been used for preparing pasta supper meatballs and salads, her dining room table had been covered with Shoeboxes for Soldiers item, and her garage and basement used to store garage sale goods.

**Past International Director Gene Vogel** of the Turner Lions Club was guest speaker and made the presentations to **Lion Lynn** and **Lion Mae**.

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**Fellowships award to deserving members . . .**

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A **Melvin Jones Fellowship** is presented upon payment of \$1,000 by a Lions Club (or individual) to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

A **Claude Devorss Fellowship** may be presented upon payment of \$1,000 by a Lions Club (or individual) to the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF).

Our club's practice has been to donate \$1,000 to LCIF and present a Melvin Jones Fellowship each year. We donate \$500 per year to KLSF and present a Claude Devorss Fellowship every other year.

Melvin Jones Fellowships honor the memory of Melvin Jones, who founded Lions Clubs International in 1917.

Claude Devorss Fellowships honor the memory of Claude Devorss, a much-loved Kansas Lion who served as International President in 1965-66.

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 called upon to help, please say "YES!"



**Calendar of Activities**

- June 7-9** ..... **Kansas Lions State Convention**  
*Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Wichita*
  - June 9** ..... **Regular Meeting**  
*7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman*  
*Speaker: Alex Matthew, Urban Scholastic Center*
  - June 14** ..... **Flag Day**  
*Metcalfe Avenue of Flags go up at 6 AM*
  - June 16** ..... **Flags Down**  
*Metcalfe Avenue of Flags come down at 6 AM*
  - June 23** ..... **Regular Meeting**  
*7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman*  
*Program: Installation of Officers*  
*Conducted by Past International Director Gene Vogel*
  - June 30 (Saturday)** ..... **Metcalfe Avenue of Flags**  
*(for Independence Day)*  
*Flags go up at 6 AM*
  - July 7 (Saturday)** ..... **Metcalfe Avenue of Flags**  
*Flags come down at 6 AM*
- July Board of Directors meeting time and date:**  
*To be announced*

**Overland Park Host Lions Club Leads In District Governor's 2011-12 Point Contest**

Thanks to the strong participation of so many of our members in all kinds of activities this year, we lead our division (21-40 members) in the District Governor's Point Contest.

Last Fall, the Board of Directors voted to encourage the club to do all it could to win the contest, and so far that effort has been successful. According to the most recent reports from the Governor, we have accumulated 163,840 points. The next closest club is Lawrence Noon with 52,295. Last year's winner, Topeka Sunflower, evidently has not sent any reports in this year.

Leavenworth is far and away ahead of all District clubs with 222,070 points and definitely leads its division (41 members and above).

*June and July . . .*

**Reasons to Celebrate!**  
**Birthdays**

June 2	Chris Claxton
June 7	Deanna Pucci
June 16	Grace Weinrich
June 19	Mary McIntosh
June 29	Carole Collyard
July 2	Billie Warden
July 6	Chris Pucci
July 19	Ken Collyard
July 22	Janette Sanders-Reh
July 22	Alvin Witwer
July 30	Larry Lavelly

**Anniversaries**

June 14	Chris and Cindy Claxton
June 27	Bud and Tami Turntine

**Treasurer's Reports for May 2012**  
**General (Operating) Account**

<b>Income</b>	
Member dues	\$ 167.65
New member fee	50.00
Tail Twister	44.58
Garage sale	837.72
Meals	164.35
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,264.30</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Room and Meals, Meetings	454.14
Garage sale	280.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 734.14</b>
<b>Net Income (loss) for Month</b>	<b>\$ 530.16</b>
<b>Bank Balance, end of month (General Account)</b>	<b>\$ 2,446.77</b>

**Service (Project or Charity) Account**

<b>Income</b>	
Metcalfe Avenue of Flags	2,712.00
Candy Day income	558.51
Pasta Dinner income	280.00
Miscellaneous contribution	21.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,571.31</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Metcalfe Avenue of Flags	\$ 108.00
Pasta Dinner expense	219.25
Eye Exams, glasses	100.00
<b>Kansas Lions Sight Foundation</b>	
KU Ophthalmology Clinic (Candy Day)	2,000.00
Mobile Screening Unit	1,000.00
<b>Kansas Lions Band Camp</b>	400.00
<b>KU Audio-Reader General Support</b>	1000.00
<b>Peace Poster Contest Prize Money</b>	50.00
<b>Girl Scout Service Unit #638</b>	200.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>5,077.25</b>
<b>Net Income (loss) for Month</b>	<b>-( \$ 1,505.94 )</b>
<b>Bank Balance, end of month (Service Account)</b>	<b>\$ 8,877.05</b>

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