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# The Lions' Roar

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Programs for our next three meetings. . .

## School Superintendent, District Governor, and Students on July-August Agenda

**Dr. Gene Johnson**, Shawnee Mission schools superintendent, will speak at this week's (July 14) club meeting. He will bring us up to date on signature programs in District 512. His program will be highlighted with a PowerPoint presentation and a short video.



The **District Governor** will make her official visit to the club on Saturday, July 28. (*Just in case you might not have heard, this year's Governor is our own Lion Beverly Nichols.*) Her presentation will highlight district and International goals for this year and will include challenges to increase membership and to participate in more activities with other clubs in the Zone and the District.

**Youth Appreciation** will be the focus of the August 11 meeting. A highlight will be the presentation of two \$500 scholarships to deserving graduates of high schools in Overland Park (the third winner will be unable to be present and arrangements will be made to get his check to him later). A "thank-you" check will be given to Boy Scout Troop 425 for the help they give us during the year on the Metcalf Avenue of Flags project. A check will also be presented to Cub Scout Pack 3254 (we sponsor this Pack and this check represents one of the obligations of our sponsorship). Finally, we will hear from a couple of students from Maranatha Academy that we sponsored to this Spring's Kansas Lions Band camp and concert.

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

*We're Having a Party . . .*

### Big Lion Lynn and Teresa Wolfe Invite Club To Share in a "Post-Pasta" Dinner

Mark your calendars for **Saturday evening, July 21**. Our new **Big Lion Lynn Wolfe** and his lovely wife **Second Vice President Teresa** have invited OPHLC members to their home for what Lynn's e-mail to all of us described as "A dinner party to determine the ability of a frozen Italian meatball to retain its original delectable flavor!"

**The Wolfe's home is at 12604 Howe Drive in Leawood. The party is set to start at 6 PM.**

"Yes," continued **Lynn's** e-mail, "experience once again the gastronomic pleasure that was yours over two months ago."

He added an option, however. "If you . . . just don't believe in eating leftovers, you may bring your own culinary specialty. Just remember what your first grade teacher told you, ' . . . bring enough to share a little with everybody else.'"

"If you'd like to bring a salad or dessert, or something else that might complement leftover meatballs, then feel free to do so. Just give Teresa a call and let her know so that we don't end up with too much homemade ice cream and not enough bread!"

"But, if you don't have time to put together that fabulous tiramisu that you're famous for between now and the 21st, just bring yourself and your spouse or friend.

"If you can, though, please RSVP Teresa at 913-602-8908, so we can make sure we have enough forks."

Hey! Does our **Big Lion** have a sense of humor or WHAT?

### District Governor Sees Ahna's Work at Peace Poster Display in Busan



**District Governor Beverly Nichols** poses by **Ahna Valdez's** poster on display at the 2012 Lions Clubs International Convention in Busan, South Korea. The Convention was held from June 24 through the 27th. Ahna's poster was one of 23 Merit Award winners from around the world. Ahna is the daughter of **Ciriaco and Christina Valdez**, who joined our club after the 2011-12 contest ended. Ahna had participated for three years.

### Three OPHLC members plan to attend Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

Big Lion Lynn Wolfe, Second Vice President Teresa Wolfe, and Secretary Heather Lanigan are scheduled to go to Crete, Nebraska this weekend to attend the annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI).

The Institute will be held on the campus of Doane College and will feature instruction and group activities in several areas of Lions leadership.

GPLLI is open to any Lion who has not yet attained the position of District Governor. It is an annual three-day event and rotates every two years among locations in Saskatchewan (Canada), North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.

### Lions Unite for Annual School Supply Drive

District 17-O Lions will be joining forces again this year to collect supplies to be shared with needy students.

Our club will hold its drive in early August. The exact date and location have not yet been determined. The event, however, will be before August 13, which is the day the Shawnee Mission school open for the year.

Supplies collected will be divided between Apache and Rosehill Elementary schools.

Lion Heather Lanigan is making specific arrangements and she will notify club members of the date and location.

### Pick up some Overland Park Host History . . .

### Old Club Trading Pins Available

Through the years, our club has produced several commemorative trading pins. One of these featured the Metcalf Avenue of Flags. A matched set, showing a pioneer man on one and a pioneer woman on the other, honored the Lions Club and the Overland Park Host Lioness Club.



Those two and the 50th Anniversary pin in 2007 were designed by our in-house artist Lion Dottie Bloome.



This year, District Governor Beverly Nichols has a pin emphasizing her theme, “E-Cubed—Energy, Enthusiasm, Excellence.”

She will give one of her pins to each member who wants one.

In 2007-08 Neal Nichols had a District Governor’s pin that featured “Ketchup Bottle Wisdom—Doing Common Things Uncommonly Well, We Meet the Challenge to Change.”

Now there is an opportunity for newer members to pick up some OPHLC history as portrayed in these pins.

At the next few meetings some of these will be on display and members may take the ones they want (one of each per member, please) as long as supplies last.

Except for a very-limited supply of pioneer woman Lioness Club pins, there are several of each of the others.

Unfortunately, *Ye Olde Editor* could not find illustrations for any of the pins except the two shown above.

Want to support the District Governor this year? . . .

### Turn “Official Visits” into Club Visitations

Lion Edson Parker is encouraging members to join District Governor Beverly on her official visits to other clubs throughout District 17-O. Not only would the presence of fellow members be a boost for the Governor, but just look at the points we can pile up in this year’s District Governor’s Contest!

Two or three members could make a visitation without overwhelming some of the smaller clubs being visited. And visits don’t have to be made every time by the same Lions. Teams can vary in make-up so that as many visitations as possible are made through the year without burdening individual members too much.

Visits through July include the following:

- July 17 (Tuesday) ..... Wyandotte Lions ..... 6:30 PM
- July 18 (Wednesday) ..... Shawnee Lions ..... 6:30 PM
- July 19 (Thursday) Overland Park Noon Lions ... 12:00 noon
- July 21 (Saturday) ..... Prairie Village Lions ..... 8 AM
- July 23 (Monday) ..... Auburn Lions ..... 6:30 PM
- July 25 (Wednesday) ..... Gardner Lions ..... 6:30 PM

Lion Edson will have a sign-up sheet at this Saturday’s meeting. He will also provide directions to the meeting places for the various clubs.

### “World’s Longest Assembly Line” Planned for Heart to Heart Care Kit Packing

Heart to Heart, a local charitable organization with focus on providing immediate disaster relief, plans the “World’s Longest Assembly Line” for October 26 and 27.

A goal on those days is to pack 20,000 (of an eventual 100,000) Care Kits with basic hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste, Band-Aids®, towels, wash clothes and the like. These Care Kits will then be distributed to areas of need, especially locations where disasters such as floods, tornados, or major fires have struck.

Our club’s Board of Directors voted at its July 7 meeting to participate in the project this year. We did similar work with Heart to Heart in 2007-2008, when Lion Mae Claxton was president. This year Lion Mae is heading a committee to put together the details of our involvement.

### Next Flag Days will be in September

The 2012 Metcalf Avenue of Flags program continues with expanded showings for Labor Day (observed on September 3) and Patriots Day (observed on September 11).

**NOTE: Flags will be raised on Saturday, September 1 and lowered on Saturday, September 15.** Drop-off teams will go out at 5 AM on September 1. Other teams will follow at 6 o’clock to put the Flags up.

This will again be one of the lengthiest displays in the 49-year history of this program. Flags went up on May 19 in honor of Armed Forces Day and stayed up through the entire week after Memorial Day—15 days. Flags will also be displayed for 15 days in September.

Sign-up sheets will be circulated at the next few club meetings. When you’re asked to sign up to help, please add your name to the list.

## Overland Park Host Lions Club presumes to have won District Governor's contest!

On America's political scene today, a certain candidate is said to be the "presumptive nominee" of his Party until the national convention make it official. Well, in the world of Lionism, Overland Park Lions can claim to be the "presumptive **winner**" of the District Governor's Point Contest until the official announcement in August at the District Cabinet Meeting.

According to the end-of-June (end-of-year) numbers compiled by **1st Vice District Governor Jerry Loney** (Sunflower Lions Club of Topeka), we do appear to have won the 2011-12 Contest. The official announcement will be made by Immediate Past District Governor **Clint Vawter** (Scranton Lions Club) at the District Cabinet meeting in Atchison on August 18. Clubs participate according to size. Our club is in the 21-to-40-member group. The other two are 20-and-under and 41-and-over. The three winning clubs will receive their awards in Atchison.

Last Fall, the Board of Directors voted to encourage the club to do all it could to win the contest. That effort seems to have been successful! According to the most recent reports from the Governor, we have accumulated 175,985 points. The next closest club is Lawrence Noon with 59,495. Last year's winner, Topeka Sunflower, evidently did not send in any reports this year.

Among the larger clubs, Louisburg Lions overtook Leavenworth during June and leads all District clubs with 261,615 points. Louisburg won the contest last year also.

Most of our members won't remember, but back in the 1970s and early '80s, OPHLC at least twice won similar contests three times in a row—or the "Triple Crown," as we called it then.

### Calendar of Activities

- July 14** ..... **Regular Meeting**  
7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman  
Speaker: Dr. Gene Johnson, Supt., Shawnee Mission School District
- July 28** ..... **Regular Meeting**  
7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman  
Speaker: District Governor Beverly Nichols (Official Visit)
- August 4** ..... **Board of Directors Meeting**  
Call to order at 8:00 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman  
Come earlier to order breakfast
- August 11** ..... **Regular Meeting**  
7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman  
Program: Youth Recognition Day  
(Presentation of scholarships; appreciation gift to Boy Scouts; and remarks from Kansas Lions State Band students.)
- September 1** ..... **Flag Raising (Labor Day/Patriots Day)**
- September 1** ..... **Board of Directors Meeting**  
Time and place to be announced
- September 8** ..... **Regular Meeting**  
7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman  
Program: To be announced
- September 13-15** ... **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**  
Tampa Bay, Florida
- September 15** ..... **Flag Lowering (Labor Day/Patriots Day)**
- September 22** ..... **Regular Meeting**  
7:15 AM at Perkins, 87th and Nieman  
Program: To be announced
- September 29** ..... **Downtown Overland Park Fall Festival**  
The Commons, near 80th Street and Santa Fe Drive

**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. Overland Park Host Lions are expected to play a major role. When you are called up to help, please say "YES!"**



## Lions Clubs International honors members for long-time membership records

Four Overland Park Host Lions were recognized by Lions Clubs International for long-time continuous membership as Lions.

These were **Lion Louis Adams** and **Lion Jack Watkins** (25 years), and **Lion Jason Tyrer** and **Lion Gregg Collins** (10 years). (*Longevity recognition is made for multiples of 5 years.*)

Letters of commendation from **Immediate Past International President Wing-Kun Tam** and appropriate chevrons to be worn with lapel pins were presented at the District Cabinet Meeting in Osage City on June 23. These had been mailed to then-District Governor **Clint Vawter** along with letters and chevrons for a host of Lions from other clubs in District 17-O.

### July and August . . .

#### Reasons to Celebrate! Birthdays

July 2	Billie Warden
July 6	Chris Pucci
July 19	Ken Collyard
July 22	Janette Sanders-Reh
July 22	Alvin Witwer
July 30	Lloyd Larry Lavelly
August 7	Mae Claxton
August 12	Louis Adams
August 21	Dottie Bloome
August 25	Heather Lanigan
August 29	Jack McLain

#### Anniversaries

August 14	Dale and Billie Warden
August 22	Lloyd Larry and Audrey Lavelly
August 23	Gregg and Sylvia Collins

### Treasurer's Reports for June 2012 General (Operating) Account

<b>Income</b>	
Member dues	\$ 301.76
Tail Twister	51.00
Meals	<u>311.24</u>
Total Income	\$ 664.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Room and Meals, Meetings	392.17
New members fees to LCI	31.67
Miscellaneous	<u>12.00</u>
Total Expense	\$ 435.84
Net Income (loss) for Month	<u>\$ 228.16</u>
Bank Balance, end of month (General Account)	\$ 2,674.93

<b>Service (Project or Charity) Account</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags	2,306.00
Total Income	\$ 3,571.31
<b>Expenses</b>	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags	\$ 216.00
Office supplies/bank charges (checks)	108.83
Total Expense	<u>324.83</u>
Net Income (loss) for Month	1,981.17
Bank Balance, end of month (Service Account)	\$ 10,808.22

### How much do we know about Lions protocol?

With the District Governor's official visit just around the corner, it's time to review the proper protocol for such an event.

There should be only limited club business conducted at that meeting and there definitely should be no other program scheduled for the same date.

The Governor might be acknowledged by the Big Lion during introduction of visitors, but only informally. When the time comes for the Governor's presentation, the Big Lion will make a more-formal introduction. At that time the audience should rise and extend a standing ovation. When the Governor finishes, the audience should rise once again for a standing ovation.

## Earning the 100%-Attendance Pin

"Perfect Attendance"—never missing a meeting—is no longer the absolute measure of a "good Lion." Today's emphasis is on *service activity*. Good Lions serve by working on Club projects. 100%-Attendance pins will be awarded each year to Lions who meet the conditions below whether they attend every meeting or not.

Lions who miss regular club meetings can get attendance credit for the date of the absence in one of four ways.

1. "Make up" credit can be recorded by the Secretary if, within thirteen (13) days prior to or thirteen days (13) after\* the missed meeting, the Lion is present at any of the following:

- a. a regular, special or board meeting of any other Lions Club;\*\*
- b. a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lion's own club;
- c. a duly constituted meeting of a standing committee of the Lion's own club;
- d. any scheduled activity (fund-raising, service, visitation) of the Lion's own club;
- e. a zone meeting;
- f. a regional (combined zone) meeting;
- g. a State Council meeting, Mid-Winter Rally, or State Convention;
- h. a District Cabinet meeting or District Convention;
- i. an International Convention or area meeting such as a USA/Canada Forum;
- j. the Lions International Headquarters in Oakbrook, Illinois or the Kansas Lions State Office building in Wichita.

\*Exceptions to the "thirteen-day" rule can be allowed for unusual circumstances at the discretion of the Secretary.

\*\*The Secretary in most clubs will provide and sign a Visiting Lion card that can be brought to the Lion's own club as proof of attendance.

2. A Lion who is absent from a meeting by reason of illness can be granted attendance credit for that meeting.

3. A Lion who is absent from a meeting by reason of military service, jury duty, or fulfilling the duties of an elected governmental officer can be granted attendance credit for that meeting.

4. A Lion who is absent from a meeting because of required attention to work-related responsibilities can be granted attendance credit for that meeting.

**Attendance credit under any of the foregoing "make-up" conditions is not automatic. Do not assume the Secretary will be aware of the reasons for your absences. It is the Lion's personal responsibility to notify the Secretary of the "make-up."**

Contact Secretary Lion Heather Lanigan at 913-832-8643 (or e-mail at [thelanigans@gmail.com](mailto:thelanigans@gmail.com)) when you have a "make-up" to report.

## For the Wordsmiths among us . . .

- Did you know that only four words in the English language end in ". . . ous." See what they are elsewhere on this page.
  - Ten body parts are only three letters long: eye, ear, leg, arm, jaw, gum, toe, lip, hip, and rib.
  - You would have to count to one thousand to use the letter "a" in the English to spell a whole number.
  - The word "bookkeeper" is the only word in the English language with three consecutive double letters.
  - *Skepticism* is the longest typed word that alternates hands.
- Source: *The Book of Useless Information*, Noel Botham, 2006



## Two New Club Branches on the Horizon

Two new Club Branches are in the early stages of being organized. When they reach 20 members (preferably at least 26) they will be eligible to charter as independent Lions Clubs within the International Association family. Until that time, their members will be carried on our roster. When they charter, Overland Park Host Lions will be recognized as the sponsoring club.

Both Club Branches will be primarily special-interest clubs.

A group of doctors and faculty members at the KU Eye Clinic (74th and State Line) is forming the nucleus of a new club there. **District Governor Beverly Nichols** has been working to help get them established. **Lion Dirk DeKeyser** is the first to join although several others are ready to "sign on the dotted line."

In another development, the Overland Park "Hospitality Community" is organizing a Club Branch under the leadership of soon-to-be **Lion Mindy Lallier**. **Mindy** is the chief contact between the Overland Park Convention and Visitors Bureau and the 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held in Overland Park. **Mindy** says that she wanted to become a Lion after seeing so much about Lions in her work with the Forum leadership.

This Club Branch has already had one informational meeting and another is scheduled for July 17. The Branch might move directly to the "organizational" stage at that meeting. The members who are already enrolled have chosen the name "*Overland Park Hospitality Lions Club*."

The Host Lions Club Board of Directors voted at its July 7 meeting to endorse plans for these two Club Branches and **Big Lion Lynn Wolfe** will appoint liaison Lions from our club to each of the two Branches.

The four words mentioned in the column to the left are *tremendous*, *horrendous*, *stupendous*, and *hazardous*. That's what the book says, but there is at least one more. A year's free subscription to the *Overland Park Host Lions' Roar* to anyone who tells *Ye Olde Editor* what it is.

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