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# The Lions' Roar

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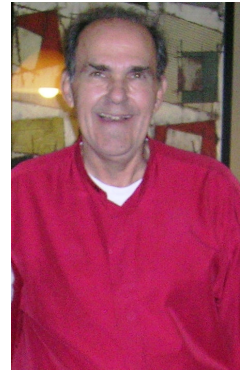
Slide show highlights January 26 meeting . . .

## Lion Ken Collyard presents program on experiences in India

**Lion Ken Collyard** was the speaker at our January 26 meeting. He told about his recent trip to India to assist in eye screening for indigent people there.

Lion Ken illustrated his talk with a variety of pictures he took while on the three-week trip. These included shots of the eye-examination clinic and the volunteers working there as well as the more "touristy" pictures of the countryside, city life, housing, and the like.

Ken's guest at the meeting was **Karnail Dulku**, who personally provided the eye clinic at his expense for the people of his "village" and surrounding area. Ken explained that the "village" is somewhat like our cities. Karnail brought doctors from Punjab and other helpers like Ken. Ken referred to one of them, **Gurmit**, from Ottawa, Canada. Eye examinations took place over a 3-day period. Surgeries were performed for over a week after the initial clinical exams. Over 300 people came to the clinic and more than 30 surgeries were performed.



Ken Collyard

"It was a humbling and enlightening experience for me," Ken said. "Karnail is a giving, loving individual."

Ken was recognized by the village as an Honorary "Placque." Government and town officials also came for the event and to meet the "American."

## Lion Vern Failor to speak about Yellow Dot program at Saturday's Meeting

**Lion Vern Failor** (*Sunflower Lions Club of Topeka*) will be the speaker at this week's meeting (February 9). He will discuss the "Yellow Dot" program promoted by the Kansas Lions Eye Health Programs (LEHP). Lion Vern will explain how a local Lions Club can get involved in promoting and distributing Yellow Dot kits. A Yellow Dot is placed on the rear window of a motor vehicle. Should the vehicle be involved in an accident, the Dot alerts first responders to the possibility of a medical emergency. They then look in the glove box for an envelope with the driver's medical information and the kind of treatment that should be given in addition to treatment for any injuries.



Lion Vern's presentation will provide many more details about the Yellow Dot program. These will include cost, how to promote Yellow Dots in our city, and working with police, fire and MED-ACT personnel to implement the program. It is a program you won't want to miss as it introduces us to another potential service project.

*Psst! Hey, Lion. Looking for a good time? Take this in! . . .*

## Carbondale Lions Club to hold pot-luck supper, auction on February 20

The Carbondale Lions Club will have a pot-luck supper and auction at 6:30 on Wednesday evening, February 20. **District Governor Beverly Nichols** will make her official visit to Carbondale Lions that night.

Plan to go on this visitation. (1) You'll be supporting our own Beverly in her travels as District Governor. (2) You'll support another club in its activities (*and as a bonus earn points in the Governor's Contest*). (3) You will see an interesting and lively auction that Carbondale Lions use to help build up their administrative fund and keep local dues as low as possible. Together, we might pick up some ideas for doing something like this in our own club.

Carbondale is between 70 and 83 miles from Overland Park, depending on which of three routes you take. All three take about the same amount of time (about an hour and a half). The longest, but easiest (and probably safest), is I-70 to I-470 to US 75 in Topeka and then straight south for 12 miles. The Carbondale exit is clearly marked and the city is just to the west of US 75.

Contact either DG Beverly or **Lion Edson Parker** to let them know you'll go along. We'll let Carbondale Lions know how many of us to expect.

Carbondale Lions meet in the ELM Building, 228 Main Street. It's easy to find.

*The Big Lion's Message for February . . .*  
**Valentine's Day and Sharing**

by Lynn Wolfe, President



When I think of February, Valentine's Day comes to mind. To me, Valentine's Day is another time of sharing. My mother used to tell me that sharing was a good thing to do. I think she was right! Unselfishly sharing ourselves, our

time, and our resources with others seems to release within us a sense of well-being that no other activity produces.

And, it seems that when we engage with others who are eager to share of themselves in this way, our sense of well-being is heightened. Maybe this is a selfish way to look at why serving others together with other Lions has been such an enjoyable experience for me through the years. Perhaps this is why I welcome opportunities to get to know other Lions at District Conventions, the Mid-Winter Rally, State Conventions and International Conventions.

So, make the month of February a month of sharing... and plan to join other Lions at the District Convention. I think you'll be glad you did!

**February and March. . .**

**Reasons to Celebrate!**  
Birthdays

- February 4 ..... Neal Nichols
- February 8 ..... Bob Larson
- February 11 ..... Earl McIntosh
- February 12 ..... Lawrence Reh
- February 19 ..... Jack Watkins
- February 24 ..... Steve Weinrich
- February 28 ..... Jean Watkins

Anniversaries

- February 19 ..... Christine and Brian Nichols
- March 14 ..... Ken and Carole Collyard
- March 15 ..... Bryan and Heather Lanigan

**District Convention Coming Up!**

Planning for the 2013 District Convention is moving at a rapid pace. The dates are Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2 and the location is right here in Overland Park (Holiday Inn, 8787 Reeder Road, across the street from Perkins).

**Lion Heather Lanigan** of our club is the overall chairperson for the convention. The theme for Friday evening's activities is "March Madness," and a highlight will be Dr. James Naismith telling the crowd why and how he created the game of basketball.

Overland Park Host Lions' "Designing Ladies" (**Lions Dottie Bloome, Mae Claxton, Carole Collyard**) will provide table decorations for the meals.

Saturday's luncheon will honor our youth. The top three Peace Poster contestants in the district will receive their prizes. **Mattie Diener** from Gardner will tell about her experience at a fund-raising festival of the Trujillo Lions Club in Peru last September. She was one of 15 twirlers in the entire United States to be invited to participate and was sponsored by the **Gardner Lions Club**.

Musical entertainment will be provided by **T x 3**, a trio of siblings—two brothers and a sister—from Hays, Kansas who perform Celtic music. They write or arrange most of the numbers they play.

Seminars will be held on Saturday morning, the business session and election of officers will take place on Saturday afternoon, and visiting **International Director Robert Corlew** will speak and induct new members during Saturday evening's banquet.

The registration deadline for meals is February 21. If you need another registration form, contact Lion Heather right away by e-mail at [thelanigans@gmail.com](mailto:thelanigans@gmail.com).

*Welcome New Member! . . .*

**Mike Orzechowski**

**Michael (Mike) Orzechowski**, a former member of the Libertytown-Unionville Lions Club in Libertytown, Maryland, is our newest member.

Lion Mike was a Libertytown-Unionville Lions Club member for several years before moving to the Overland Park area in 2009. In addition to serving as his club's president, Mike served as club newsletter editor, and was a member of the club's website committee, golf committee, and education and scholarship committee. He has been an active adult leader in Boy Scout Troops in Maryland and in Troop 425 in Olathe (the troop that helps with our Flag program). He and his wife, Bonnie, reside in Olathe.

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*"Great content—very informative" . . .*

**2012-13 Overland Park Host *Lions' Roar* Honored Again at KS Mid-Winter Rally**

The Overland Park Host *Lions' Roar* placed third in this year's state-wide newsletter competition sponsored by the Kansas Lions Public Relations and Media Committee.

Committee Chairman **PDG Denny Smith** (Ulysses Lions Club, District 17-L) presented a "Superior" Merit Award certificate to *Ye Olde Editor Neal Nichols* at the Mid-Winter Rally in Salina on January 19. A \$35 cash prize accompanied the award and went to club treasurer **Roger Claxton** for deposit in the administrative fund.

An "adjudicator" who is a professional in journalism judged all the entries for the committee. Clubs participating in the contest submitted three issues published during 2012. We submitted our September, October and November newsletters.

There were seven criteria for judging, each with a possible five-point maximum. The *Roar* got "5s" in every category except two. One point was deducted for "General Appearance: Does it look good and 'appeal to the eye' of the reader?" Two points were deducted for "Are photos used? Do they generally support the articles?"

The final score for the *Roar* was 32 out of a possible 35.

The adjudicator, whose identity was not revealed to newsletter editors, wrote "Great content—very informative" on the rating sheet.

Top prize this year went to the *Hays Lions Club News*, a quarterly newsletter edited by **Lion Jean Gleichsner**, who has consistently been among winning editors in the past few years. Second place went to *The Pride of Ulysses*, edited by **Lion Fran Smith**. The *Topeka Tattler*, edited by **Lion Phil Menniger**, placed fourth.

**Treasurer's Reports for January 2013  
General (Operating) Account**

<b>Income</b>	
Member dues .....	\$ 823.24
Tail Twister .....	48.00
Meals .....	799.76
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,671.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Room and Meals, Meetings .....	\$ 511.04
Dues to LCI .....	1,066.00
MD-17 and District 17-O Dues.....	614.69
Miscellaneous (convention exp) .....	56.94
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,248.67</b>
<b>Net Income (reduction) for Month .....</b>	<b>\$ (577.67)</b>
<b>Ending Balance (General Account) .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,990.25</b>

**Service (Project or Charity) Account**

<b>Income</b>	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags .....	\$ 25.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
KLSF MSU deposit .....	\$ 200.00
<b>Total Expense .....</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Net Income (reduction) for Month.....</b>	<b>( \$ 175.00)</b>
<b>Ending Balance (Service Account) .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,424.01</b>

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**Future Lion Makes Appearance . . .**

Congratulations go out to **Lion Dr. Kirk** and **Marla DeKeyser** on the birth of **baby boy Brennan** on January 24. Lion Kirk is a member of the KU Eye Center Club Branch and has been an active participant in our club's activities for several months.

Our club has a long-standing tradition of "passing the hat" at a meeting for money to be given to the new parent—who then must match the amount and start a savings account (or buy a US Savings bond or similar investment) in the name of the child. A passbook or receipt as proof of purchase must be presented to the Tail Twister at a subsequent meeting.

**Calendar of Activities**

- February 9 .....** **Regular meeting**  
*Perkins Restaurant, 87th Street and Nieman Road*  
*Order breakfast at 7:15 or so; meeting called to order at 7:45*  
**Speaker: Lion Vern Failor (Sunflower Lions of Topeka)**  
*Subject: Kansas Yellow Dot Program*
- February 18 .....** **Zone Meeting**  
*Ryan's Steakhouse, near 151st and US169, Olathe*  
*Meeting starts at 7; come early to have dinner from buffet*
- February 20 .....** **Visit to Carbondale Lions**  
*(See article on front page)*
- February 23.....** **Regular meeting**  
*Perkins Restaurant, 87th and Nieman Road*  
*Order breakfast at 7:15 or so; meeting called to order at 7:45*  
*Program to be announced*
- February 26..** **Lions' Work Night at Harvesters, 5:30 – 8 pm.**  
*3801 Topping, Kansas City, MO (just off Van Brunt and Leeds)*
- March 1 and 2.....** **District Convention**  
*Holiday Inn West, Overland Park*
- March 2.....** **Board of Directors meeting**  
*Perkins, 87th and Nieman*  
*7:30 am., but come earlier to order breakfast*  
*(Go to District Convention activities across street after meeting)*
- March 9.....** **Shoebboxes for Soldiers workday**  
*Legacy Christian Church, 10150 Antioch*  
*Continental breakfast to be served.*

*Time for some lighter reading . . .*

**A BIT OF BRITISH HUMOR!**

(from Leavenworth *Lions' Lingo*, February 1, 2013)

These are classified ads that actually were placed in newspapers in the United Kingdom:

- 1) FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER—8 years old. Hateful little bastard. Bites!
- 2) FREE PUPPIES—1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 neighbor's sneaky dog.
- 3) FREE PUPPIES – Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd. Father is Super Dog—able to leap tall fences in a single bound.
- 4) WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE—worn once by mistake. Call Stephanie.

**And the WINNER is:**

- 5) FOR SALE BY OWNER—Complete set of *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 45 volumes. Excellent condition, £200 or best offer. No longer needed, got married, wife knows everything!