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Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas

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Meeting location changed to Legacy Christian Church parlor . . .

We pack Shoeboxes for Soldiers Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 AM

Packing of Shoeboxes for Soldiers will be done this Saturday, March 9. The meeting will begin at 7:30 AM and be in the parlor (downstairs) of Legacy Christian Church, 10150 Antioch Road in Overland Park (just south of 101st Street).

A continental breakfast will be served.

Shoeboxes this year will go to a Military Police unit deployed overseas out of Fort Riley, Kansas. Among the troops to receive the packages are some dog handlers. Doggie treats cannot be included in the Shoeboxes, but small durable, chewable toys will be packed among the "people" items.

Shoebox packing is an activity that requires a lot of help. "Many hands make light work," so be present Saturday to complete the project smoothly and quickly!



We support Reach Out and Read Kansas City . . .

Truckload of books donated to Reading Initiative by Overland Park Host Lion; District Lions contribute more than 2,000 books during Convention weekend!

In the weeks leading up to the recent District Convention, **Lion Christina Valdez** collected over 400 books from friends and neighbors to donate to Reach Out and Read Kansas City and other agencies. Husband **Lion Ciriaco** delivered the books. They filled almost the entire bed of a pickup truck.

District 17-O Lions, including other Overland Park Host club members, rose to the District Governor's challenge to exceed what other districts—including Nebraska MD-38—had collected so far this year. An exact count was not made but estimates are that over 2,000 books—for both children and adults—were collected. These were picked up at the Holiday Inn-West on Saturday afternoon by representatives of "Reach Out and Read Kansas City" and "Turn A Page, Touch a Mind." Books for children will be distributed to pediatric clinics in the area. Adult-level books will go to the women's prison in Lansing, Kansas.

The Big Lion's Message for March . . .

Small Steps Lead to Large Accomplishments

by Lynn Wolfe, President



Whenever I am stuck in traffic or traveling through areas with large office buildings or walking on the streets of large cities like Kansas City, New York, and Washington, D.C., I often find myself asking, "Who are all these people and what are they doing here?"

I'm struck by the enormity of the many small, day-to-day tasks that people whom we will never hear about or know about are performing that have a small, yet often significant, impact on other people's lives every day.

Too often, I think, we fail to recognize the importance of a large number of seemingly small, incremental tasks or steps that it takes to make great accomplishments.

Too often, it seems, we want to find a great name or recognizable face to put on the products that never would have been produced had it not been for all who had taken part and accepted responsibility for doing their part, however small, in producing that product.

To me, it is the same way with us as individual Lions Club members working together in our clubs, both large and small, to provide service to those in need in our community. Together with other clubs, we can meet needs requiring even greater measures that could not be fulfilled without every individual member contributing a seemingly small part of the total effort. When all contribute even a small bit, we can provide greater service.

So, it is at this particular time of the year when we are seeking to determine who is willing and able to perform the tasks that support our ability to provide service to our community as a group of Lions, I find myself asking, "Who are all these people and what are they doing here?" It's pleasing to me to be able to answer, "These people are members of the Overland Park Host Lions Club and they are here to serve in great or small measure those in need in our community!"

That, my fellow Lions, is one of the best answers to any question that I will probably ever ask of myself.

Nominating Committee Hard at Work . . .

2013-14 club officers to be elected in April

Spring is just around the corner—and that means election of club leaders for next year can't be far away (think April 13!)

The Nominating Committee, under the leadership of Lion Ken Collyard, has met recently and picked a tentative slate of officers. When the proposed nominees have agreed to allow their names to be on the ballot, a list will be sent to all members by e-mail. The list will be read during at least one regular club meeting and will be published in the April issue of the Roar. This will meet all requirements for official notification to members of the slate of nominees.

Convention is over! . . .

District Governor relaxes with stiff drink of "Robinson Red-Eye"

On Sunday morning after the week-end's District 17-O Convention, **District Governor Beverly** and **PDG Neal Nichols** took visiting International Director Bob and Lion Dianne to KCI Airport. They then drove on up to Robinson, Kansas to take in a performance of the annual Robinson Lions Club old-fashioned melodrama. This year's play was titled *The Shame of Tombstone (or Dirty Work in the Lucky Cuss)*, but some of the lines were changed to Robinson and other towns in northeast Kansas, southeast Nebraska, and northwest Missouri (examples: Leone, Falls City, St. Joseph). Leone? *Wherever that is!*



At left, **DG Beverly** enjoys a large cup of Red-Eye, the beverage of choice at the Birdcage Theater. Meanwhile (below), **PDG Neal** cavorted with "Fifi," the French maid from Falls City. "Ooh! La-la!" (Neal only *thought* that—he didn't say it! It's how the program folder described her! It also said Fifi was aka **Lion Charlene Chellew.**)

Robinson Lions have presented melodramas for 46 years, sometimes even two plays in a single year. Traditionally the performances are on the first two week-ends in March and are one of the biggest—if not THE biggest—fundraisers the club has. Unfortunately, in recent years their dates have conflicted with the District Convention, but next year the Convention will be the first weekend in April.

A visit to Robinson and the melodrama would make a good outing for our club. For many years in the 1970s and '80s, OPHLC members made a trip to Robinson—combined with a day or two of visits to near-by Lions Clubs in Nebraska and Kansas and St. Joseph, MO. Perhaps we can resurrect that tradition!



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March and April. . .

Reasons to Celebrate!

Birthdays

- March 12 Abby Strickland (*KU Eye Center Branch*)
- April 2 Edson Parker
- April 4 Deb Kephart (*KU Eye Center Branch*)
- April 14 Joy Tyrer
- April 14 Alina Dumitrescu (*KU Eye Center Branch*)
- April 17 Ben Starks
- April 27 Mary Champion (*KU Eye Center Branch*)

Anniversaries

- March 14 Ken and Carole Collyard
- March 15 Bryan and Heather Lanigan
- April 5 Edson and Dolores Parker
- April 12 Janette and Lawrence Reh

Editor's Note: We apologize for omitting any birthdays or anniversaries for KU Eye Center Club Branch, OP Hospitality Club Branch, and transferred Prairie Village members. At this time we're still working from incomplete records and will get up to date as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Reports for February 2013
General (Operating) Account

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| Income | |
| Member dues | \$ 120.00 |
| Tail Twister | 52.00 |
| Meals | 165.00 |
| New member fees | 300.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 45.50 |
| Total Income | \$ 682.50 |
| Expenses | |
| Room and Meals, Meetings | \$ 167.76 |
| Miscellaneous (supplies) | 93.35 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 261.11 |
| Net Income (reduction) for Month | \$ 421.39 |
| Ending Balance (General Account) | \$ 4,720.64 |

Service (Project or Charity) Account

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|---|---------------------|
| Income | |
| Cook book sale | \$ 10.00 |
| Shoebboxes for Soldiers | 125.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 135.00 |
| Expenses | |
| Pasta dinner | \$ 265.33 |
| Braille slates and styli | 74.75 |
| Books for children | 46.80 |
| Total Expense | 386.88 |
| Net Income (reduction) for Month | (\$ 251.88) |
| Ending Balance (Service Account) | \$ 8,222.13 |