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Overland Park Host Lions Club
Overland Park, Kansas

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WE SERVE

Time's Getting Close . . .

Pasta Dinner's on the Table

(OK, it's not quite ready yet, but it will be soon!)

Bring Your Family! Bring Friends!

WHAT: Our seventh annual pasta dinner and auction.

WHEN: Saturday, May 18 from 5 to 8 PM.

WHERE: The Father Quigley Center at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 13523 West 92nd Street, Lenexa (near 92nd and Pflumm).



MENU: Pasta and meatballs, salad, bread and drink. Special: *Desserts are included in the ticket price this year!*

PRICES: Adult tickets are \$10 each; children's tickets (ages 3-11) are \$5 each; and kids under three eat free.

WHY: To raise money to be used for the many community projects we support and to enjoy a relaxing time of fellowship and fun with family, fellow Lions and friends who might be interested in learning more about what Lions do.

MORE DETAILS: Before and during the meal, bidding will take place on **silent auction** items. After dinner, a **live auction** will be held. **Lion Phil Detrixhe**, a member of the Overland Park Hospitality Lions Club Branch and a professional auctioneer, will be the caller.

A "**Pound Auction**" is a new feature addition to this year's program. Club members can donate "white elephant" items, and **gift wrap them** (or put them in lunch-sack-sized brown paper bags and staple the bags shut as suggested in last month's *Lions' Roar*). Attendees bid "sight unseen" on these gifts. Gifts can be fairly valuable while others might be inexpensive or humorous. A Pound Auction can be more than just a lot of fun for bidders and observers—it can also raise quite a bit of money. Packages should weigh close to a pound (although that's not required)—hence the term "Pound Auction."

MEMBERS! Please bring money for tickets you've already sold (along with any remaining unsold tickets) to this week's meeting and give to **Lion Mae Claxton**. If you have items for any of the featured auctions (silent, live, or "pound") bring those to give to Mae on Saturday also.

Anniversary Dinner "Whited Out," Rescheduled as Family Picnic

Snow and generally inclement weather forced cancellation of the scheduled club anniversary dinner in March. That's the bad news.

The **good news** is that a **family picnic**, combined with our 56th anniversary celebration and the induction of 2013-14 club officers will be held on Sunday, June 9.



Festivities will begin at 5 PM at **Heritage Park**, 16050 Pflumm in Olathe. The easiest access, however, is from 172nd and Pflumm, then follow the roadway back north to **Shelter House #7**. Heritage Park is a facility of the Johnson County Parks and Recreation District. (See map on next page. *Map was "borrowed" from JCPRD web site.*)

The club will provide the meat—**Lion Roger Claxton** will bring the grill and do the cooking. Members will have an opportunity at each of the next two meetings to sign up to bring side dishes, salads, and/or desserts. The Board of Directors voted on Saturday, May 4 to make this a pot-luck type of picnic.

The picnic will be "family friendly." Members are also encouraged to bring guests (and their families) to make this an informal membership-recruiting event as well.

Adapted from a Facebook Posting

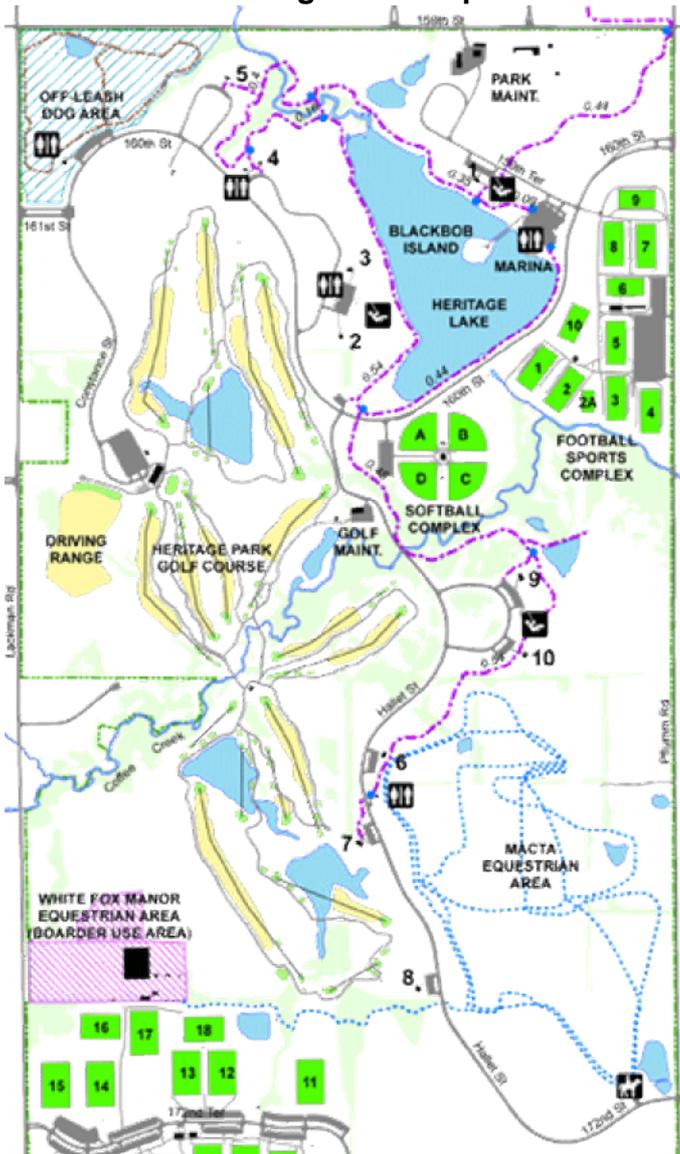
Quote this when recruiting new members!



"Most people spend a lifetime wondering if they are making any difference in the world.

"Lions Clubs members don't have that problem! They know they are making a difference—every day!"

Heritage Park Map



Get Registered for the Forum!



Overland Park Host Lions should set the pace for the 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum (September 19-21). If you're not yet registered, you can do so on line at www.usacanadalionsforum.org. Remember that the "early bird" fee period ends on June 14.

And while you're at it, click on the "Host Committee Web Site" button and find the Volunteer Enlistment Form. Download and complete it so you can have a part in making this Forum a great one!

The Big Lion's Message for May . . .

Plan to Play

Or "Work can be more fun than fun!"

by Lynn Wolfe, President



We all love to play and have fun. It's the first thing we learn to do as infants. We love watching and being with people playing and having fun. We like being happy and we want other people to be happy, too. It seems that most of what we do

is rooted in making ourselves and others happy, even when we call it "work."

But have you ever thought about how much time and effort (and money) we spend in planning the events and activities that we hope will make ourselves and others happy?

Some say, "Failing to plan is planning to fail." But even with careful planning, things may not happen the way we would like for them to happen. And "things" will happen even without planning them. Sometimes, even things that just "happen" turn out better than they were or would have been planned.

Athletes and other performers practice and rehearse for hours and days to prepare for only a few moments on the field or on the stage. Engineers and planners will work for years to prepare plans for buildings and highways that are designed to make people happy.

Sometimes, though, the athlete fails to win, the performance gets rained out, or the buildings and highways are not built. Sometimes, we look at all the "work" of planning for an event or activity as an unwelcome, but necessary, effort.

A fellow worker of mine often wandered around the office babbling, "Work is more fun than fun." And I used to think he was nuts! But, perhaps, he was on to something.

Perhaps, if we look at our work efforts as planning for events and activities to make someone happy—such as what we do as a Lions Club by providing opportunities for improved eyesight, improved health, and improved lives—then our work efforts really can be more fun than fun.

So, plan to play. Enjoy the time you spend with each other preparing to make other people happy.

With that in mind, all the "work" we do becomes "play" and the answer to the question, "Are we having fun, yet?" will always be "Yes!"

An invisible man married an invisible woman. Their kids were nothing to look at either.

Eight eat for the price of seven Saturday night . . .
International President Wayne Madden to be speaker at State Convention

It's Kansas Lions State Convention time again, and this year the big event will be at the Doubletree by Hilton at the Wichita Airport. The dates are May 30 through June 1 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday).

International President Madden and his wife **Lion Linda** will be the special guests of Kansas Lions. President Madden is from Auburn, Indiana and will be the featured speaker at the closing banquet on Saturday night.

Several special-interest seminars are included on the week-end's agenda. **Lion Dr. John Sutphin**, head of the University of Kansas Medical School's Ophthalmology Department will lead one seminar about the collaborative efforts of Kansas Lions and the KU Eye Clinic. Other seminars will cover topics such as membership, retention, extension, and club projects.

A special attendance-building incentive is in effect for this year: clubs or groups of eight can sponsor a table for the Saturday night banquet but pay for only seven (\$119 instead of \$136).

Full details and registration forms are in the current issue of the *Kansas Lions News* which members should have received this week.

OPHLC Members have special reason to attend State Convention in Wichita!

District Governor Beverly Nichols of the Overland Park Host Lions Club will be introduced as the **Multiple District 17 Council Chairperson-Elect** at the Kansas Lions State Convention in Wichita on Saturday night, June 1.

Overland Park Host Lions can help honor her turning out in force to the convention. She is the first District Governor from this club to be elected Council Chair.

DG Beverly was elected by the current Council of Governors at a meeting in early April. The Council is made up of the five current District Governors, five current 1st Vice District Governors, and the current Council Chairperson.

The Council Chair presides over State Council meetings held periodically throughout the year (including Mid-Winter Rally and the State Convention). In addition, the Chair appoints chairpersons to state committees and performs such other duties as specified in the MD-17 Constitution and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).



*It was cold outside but warm and cheery inside the meeting room on April 27. **Big Lion Lynn Wolfe** holds cuddly little animals used as props for the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead presentation, while **Lion Kim Morrow** and **Marli** look on. The guest speakers are shown, too.*

Club meetings . . .

The next regular meeting will on Saturday, May 11 and as usual, at Perkins Restaurant at 87th and Nieman. **Lion Steve Weinrich** has lined up another interesting program.

The speaker will be **Mr. Jerry Smith** who will discuss the "World Outreach Foundation."

On April 27, two representatives from the **Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead** brought us up to date on new buildings and facilities there. They expressed appreciation for the Audio-Domes and Braille signage that the Overland Park Host Lions Club installed a few years ago. They also suggested that with so many new exhibits in place, more signs would be helpful when we can afford to put them up.

Recent meetings have been well attended, due in no small part to the efforts **Lion Steve** makes in ensuring that interesting and informative programs are scheduled. We all should congratulate Lion Steve on the great job he is doing.

Lion Gregg Collins adds sparkle to the meetings with his **Tail Twisting** antics, jokes, and "Happy Buck" activity.

Now . . . if we could only get Lion song leaders **Bob Larson** and **Heather Lanigan** to have us learn "**Don't You Hear Those Lions Roar?**" and sing a rousing rendition of it. (Hint: a new Tail Twister was elected for next year—he might assess fines for every meeting that goes by without that song!)

Former Lion . . . Now a New Member!



Big Lion Lynn Wolfe, new member **Mike Orzechowski** and **Past Council Chair Bill Phillipi** (Marysville, Kansas Lions Club member) pose after PCC Bill inducted Lion Mike into our club on April 27. Lion Mike joined the OPHLC back in January but his induction was delayed. He is a former Lion in the Libertytown-Unionville Lions Club (Maryland). He served as president and club newsletter editor, and on the website committee, golf committee, and education and scholarship committee.

Treasurer's Reports for April 2013

General (Operating) Account

Income	
Member dues	\$ 745.00
Tail Twister	46.00
Meals	748.00
New member fees	100.00
Total Income	\$ 1,639.00
Expenses	
Room and Meals, Meetings	\$ 460.38
New member fees	196.76
Incorporation filing fee	60.00
Miscellaneous	42.80
Total Expenses	\$ 759.94
Net Income (reduction) for Month	\$ 879.06
Ending Balance (General Account)	\$ 5,237.03

Service (Project or Charity) Account

Income	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags	\$ 1,709.00
Total Income	\$ 1,709.00
Expenses	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags	870.40
2013 Overland Park Fall Festival \$	165.00
Fourth-Grade Foresters Program.....	150.15
Eye exams and glasses	(- 150.00)
Kansas Lions Sight Foundation	3,000.00
Convention Expense	(-100.00)
Total Expense	3,935.55
Net Income (reduction) for Month.....	(\$ 2,226.55)
Ending Balance (Service Account)	\$ 5,520.84

Do you remember "percolator"? That was such a fun word to say. And what was it replaced with? "Coffemaker." How dull. *Mr Coffee, I blame you for this!*

May and June . . .

Reasons to Celebrate!

Birthdays

May 4	Christine Nichols
May 7	Teresa Wolfe
May 10	Dolores Parker
May 11	Grant Rogers
May 12	Kim Morrow
May 19	Audrey Lavelly
May 27	Bud Turntine
May 29	Wynn Laird
May 29	Julie Nilsen (OP Hospitality)
June 2	Chris Claxton
June 7	Mike Orzechowski
June 7	Deanna Pucci
June 19	Mary McIntosh
June 24	Bob Tonjes
June 25	Harold Claxton
June 29	Carole Collyard

Anniversaries

May 17	Roger and Mae Claxton
June 14	Chris and Cindy Claxton
June 16	Mindy and Todd Lallier (OP Hospitality)

Editor's Note: We apologize for omitting any birthdays or anniversaries for OP Hospitality Club Branch and transferred Prairie Village members. We are still working with incomplete records.

USA/Canada Forum Executive Committee Meets In Overland Park, April 28-30 and Spouses Tour Deanna Rose Farmstead

Members of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum met in planning sessions at the Overland Park Sheraton Hotel on April 28-30. During those days, the wives of some of them visited sights and attractions in the Kansas City area, including old Downtown Overland Park, the Toy and Miniature Museum near UMKC, and the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead.

According to **District Governor Beverly Nichols**, who helped arrange some of the spouses' activities, these out-of-town ladies were highly impressed with the Braille signs posted at some of the Deanna Rose exhibits. This is definitely very good P R for our club!

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