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# The Lions' Roar

Overland Park Host Lions Club  
Overland Park, Kansas

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WE SERVE

## Family Picnic, Sunday, June 9

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

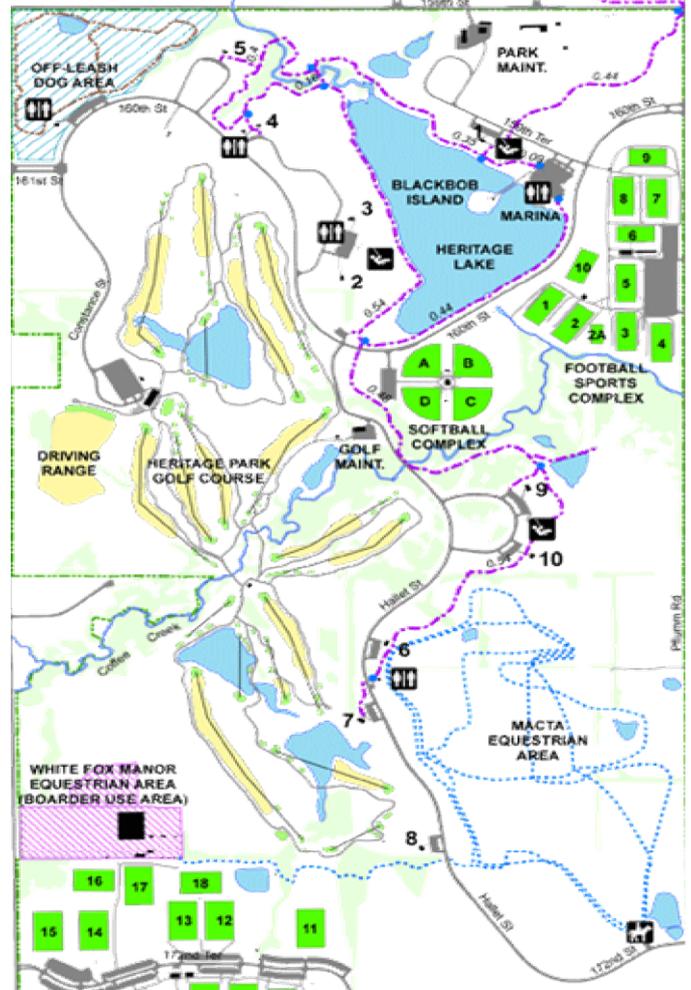


Festivities will begin at 5 PM at **Heritage Park**, 16050 Pflumm in Olathe. The easiest access, however, is from 172nd and Pflumm, then follow the roadway back north to **Shelter House #7**. Heritage Park is a facility of the Johnson County Parks and Recreation District. (See map at right. *Map was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

The club will provide the meat—chicken and steak—and **Lion Roger Claxton** will bring the grill and do the cooking. Members can bring their choice of side dishes, salads, and/or desserts. The picnic meal will be pot-luck. If you plan to attend but have not signed please call **Lion Heather Ralph** (913-832-8643) or **Lion Carole Collyard** (913-238-0209). Let them know what side dish you'd like to bring. You can also sign up at the club meeting on Saturday.

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

## Heritage Park Map



**PID Bob Tonjes and Lion Harold Claxton** ask, "Is it five o'clock yet?" while waiting to go inside for pasta and meatballs smothered in that "secret recipe" sauce cooked up by **Lion Carole Collyard** (with help, of course, from **Lions Dottie Bloome, Mae Claxton, Beverly Nichols, Janette Reh and Teresa Wolfe**). The seventh annual Pasta Dinner and Auction was held Saturday, May 18.

## Braille Slates and Styli Donated to School for the Blind in Ghana (Africa)

Several weeks ago our club purchased some special Braille slates and styli to be given to blind university students so they could take notes in class.

**Lion Heather Lanigan** received an e-mail acknowledging the donation in late May.

"Good day my Lion, long time. How is your club? Sorry for not contacting earlier on. Upon meeting my Leo Club advisor and board, it was decided that we will donate Braille to the Akropong School of the Blind on the 15th June 2013. Now the Braille are there and in good condition. I will send you full report after the donation. Thank you."

Leo Peter Okomesi  
President Legon Leo Club  
University of Ghana

*"Just a Thought" from the Big Lion . . .*

## Cacophony or Symphony?

By Lynn Wolfe, President



was no exception.

One of the most enjoyable experiences for Teresa and me in attending a Kansas Lions State Convention is attending the Kansas Lions Band Concerts. This year's concert at the Kansas lions State Convention in Wichita on June 1

The Kansas Lions State Band is comprised of nearly 200 high school band students representing 112 schools from around the state of Kansas. Band members are sponsored by individual Lions Clubs and the parents of some band members. Friday night's performance was a presentation of individual musical talent, individual instrument sections (trumpet, trombone, clarinet, etc.), and a concert presented by a select group of jazz musicians. The jazz ensemble is the only one for which a "tryout" is required of student musicians.

No auditions are required for participation in the 4-day camp. So individual musicians who may never have played together before and have varying musical abilities and experience are brought together to create an amazing sound of music after only three or four days of practicing together. Of course, this requires a great deal of effort from conductors, coaches, instructors and other volunteers, as well as the high school artists.

With few exceptions, the musical pieces were a symphony of sounds that brought emotions that only come from hearing the tones and notes together that we as human beings find so pleasing. However, there were a few moments where individuals or small groups were "out of synch" with the rest of the band and the symphony nearly become a cacophony.

If it were not for the guidance of the director and the apparent desire of the errant individual or groups to regain the harmonious sound and deliver, ultimately, a most enjoyable experience for those in attendance, including the young musicians themselves, the concert would have been just "another event".

Every one of the young people that I observed seemed to have gained an immense amount of enjoyment from the Lions Band camp experience and appeared to have had a lot of fun. I bet they learned a lot more than just how to develop their musical skills, too.

Providing opportunities for young people to develop as individuals in a group working together to attain a common goal is, to me, one of the greatest services we can provide for the world together as Lions Clubs. I think, sometimes, we might need to provide similar opportunities for adults, as well. Perhaps, then, we, too, might experience more "symphonies" in our world.



**Big Lion Lynn Wolfe** presents **Tammy Gonzalez** with the traditional Lion paperweight memento given to guest speakers at club meeting. Tammy is a hearing specialist with Associated Audiologists, She spoke at the meeting of May 25, 2013. See related picture on next page. **Lion Steve Weinrich** arranged for the program.

### Overland Park Lions to be Host for District Cabinet Meeting on June 15

The final District 17-O Cabinet Meeting of this year will be held at Legacy Christian Church (where we packed Shoeboxes for Soldiers), 10150 Antioch Road, right here in Overland Park on **Saturday, June 15**. Our own **District Governor Beverly Nichols** will preside.

Registration and fellowship time begins at 9 AM. The meeting will be called to order at 10 AM. Lunch, catered by Jack Stack's Bar-B-Q, will be served at 12 noon. A \$12 registration fee paid by all attendees (including those of us in the OPHLC) will cover food and incidental costs.

**Leadership training for both current and future club officers will take place in the afternoon, with adjournment by 3:45.**

Our OPHLC will host this meeting. There is no financial cost to the club, but help is needed to set up the room, make sure the donut-and-coffee area is set up and kept supplied, and clean up at the end of the day.

We need to be at the church at 8 AM to set up. (You can come after flag lowering wearing your Lions' vests.) Please let **Lion Beverly** or **Lion Heather** know if you will be there to help, to take part in the meal, and to attend the Leadership training. See you there!

June and July . . .

**Reasons to Celebrate!**

**Birthdays**

June 2 .....	Chris Claxton
June 7 .....	Mike Orzechowski
June 7 .....	Deanna Pucci
June 16 .....	Grace Weinrich
June 19 .....	Mary McIntosh
June 24 .....	Bob Tonjes
June 25 .....	Harold Claxton
June 29 .....	Carole Collyard
July 2 .....	Billie Warden
July 4 .....	Phil Detrixhe
July 6 .....	Chris Pucci
July 7 .....	Mike Orzechowski
July 19 .....	Ken Collyard
July 22 .....	Janette Reh
July 22 .....	Al Witwer
July 30 .....	Lloyd Larry Lavelly

**Anniversaries**

June 9 .....	Bob and Lorraine Tonjes
June 14 .....	Chris and Cindy Claxton
June 16 .....	Mindy and Todd Lallier (OP Hospitality)
June 27 .....	Bud and Tami Turntine
July 23 .....	Terry and Karen Frederick

**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.

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**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](http://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!



*Tammy Gonzalez, program speaker on May 25, displayed an illustration depicting the human ear and its various components during her presentation. Following Tammy's talk, club members asked a variety of questions related to ears and hearing.*

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

<b>Income</b>	
Member dues .....	\$ 120.00
Tail Twister .....	41.00
Meals .....	235.00
Garage sale .....	<u>883.65</u>
Total Income .....	\$ 1,279.65
<b>Expenses</b>	
Room and Meals, Meetings .....	\$ 393.72
New member fees .....	70.50
Garage sale .....	330.00
Miscellaneous (Convention).....	<u>100.00</u>
Total Expenses .....	\$ 894.22
Net Income for Month .....	<u>385.43</u>
Ending Balance (General Account) .....	<u>\$ 5,622.46</u>

**Service (Project or Charity) Account**

<b>Income</b>	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags .....	\$ 4,616.00
Band Camp .....	50.00
Pasta Dinner .....	3,102.00
Total Income .....	\$ 7,768.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Metcalf Avenue of Flags .....	\$ 317.59
Pasta Dinner .....	656.72
Girl Scout Unit #638 .....	200.00
Boy Scout Troop #425 .....	500.00
Kansas Lions Band Camp.....	500.00
LCIF (for Melvin Jones Fellowship) .	1,000.00
CARES Service Dog School .....	700.00
KSDS Dog Program .....	500.00
Leader Dogs for the Blind .....	300.00
Total Expense .....	<u>4,674.31</u>
Net Income for Month.....	\$ 3,093.69
Ending Balance (Service Account) .....	<u>\$ 8614.53</u>